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Shoppers get in the spirit of opening their wallets wider

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

People seemed to have more money to spend this past Christmas, but that doesn't mean they weren't counting their pennies.

More than once, people entered local stores knowing exactly what they'd have to pay at city malls for the items they were looking for, and they didn't want to have to compromise for the sake of helping the local economy.

For the most part, they were in luck.

"(Our prices) matched ad for ad with all the majors in the city," says Andy Glecoff, who owns and manages Haliburton V&S with his family. This was an important marketing strategy for them because as they've learned in years past, no matter how much they have to spend, "the average consumer is extremely price conscious."

"We knew everyone else's prices and we were bang on, and we didn't seem to get a lot of resistance (from customers) on it," agrees Glen Sharpley of Sharpley Sports, which did a brisk business in some of the more high end items such as snowboards. "People seemed to be willing to spend more money and snowboards are continuing to be extremely hot."

"Generally, when they came in they were looking if things were on sale," says Earle Sisson at Halco Electronics. "People know what they want and how much it costs (at chain stores) but I had people say they wanted to buy it locally."

For all their price sensitivity, however, people were willing to spend a lot of money. "We sold a lot of computers and accessories for under the Christmas tree," says Halco owner Greg Bishop. "People had already made their minds up two to

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UP, UP AND AWAY: Once all the Christmas presents were opened, many people hit the slopes at Sir Sam's Ski Area, where the snow was thick and white. These skiers still prefer to schuss down on skis, but snowboard sales were hot this season as the new sport gains popularity.

Those in need find help at the 4Cs food bank

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

There is both joy and sadness at the 4Cs at Christmas – joy that so many people in the community were willing to donate food and money for the holiday food drive and sadness that there are so many families in such need.

"It was a depressing time for a lot of people," says volunteer Ave Petch, who heard many sad stories about people losing their jobs just a week before Christmas or mothers who were having difficulties buying enough food for their children.

"We had a lot of new people, but very, very grateful," she says. "Some come in with hugs and kisses and tears in their eyes. We hoped we helped their Christmas anyway."

Requests for the food hampers continues to be high. About 230 families received the Christmas hampers from the 4Cs and although all the totals aren't available yet, Petch is confident that the amount spent on vouchers and food will be equal to the

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Holiday turns into tragedy after two snowmobilers die in accidents

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Christmas holiday turned into a time of tragedy for the families of two young men killed in separate snowmobile accidents last week.

The first was early Christmas morning when Robert Craftchick left a friend's house to go for a snowmobile ride on Pine Lake in Gooderham. When he didn't return, his friends went out looking for him at about 1 a.m. and discovered that his snowmobile had hit a stump near the island on the lake and he had been thrown from the snowmobile, says Glamorgan's interim fire chief, Peter Rakowski.

The friends called the fire department and about a dozen men responded with snowmobiles and ATVs. They used an ATV to pull the injured man across the lake on a backboard to the waiting ambulance.

"Bobby had severe head trauma and we had to apply CPR twice," says Rakowski. "It was pretty sad. A lot of his friends were at the ambulance wishing him well."

Craftchick, who worked at Hunter's mill in Gooderham, was transported to Haliburton Hospital and was airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital where he died on Saturday. It was his 25th birthday.

"It's tragic," says Rakowski, who adds that at every stage of the emergency, the people involved "gave him every chance they could with their care and attention."

The death hit many of the firemen and villagers hard because so many people knew Craftchick, the fire chief says. "Bobby was well liked in town. He loved life and was having fun with it."

His heart was donated to the organ transplant program.

The Minden OPP says the accident is still under investigation because alcohol was a factor and the initial investigation revealed the snowmobile had been reported stolen from the Gooderham area on Oct. 19.

The second fatal accident was around 3:30 a.m. on December 28. Twenty-nine-year-old Boyde Sterling of Oshawa was snowmobiling on Black Lake at Haliburton Forest with three friends. "He came off the lake

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Homebuilders are reminded to get with the program

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

WE RECENTLY received a fax from the Haliburton County Homebuilders Association stressing the importance of conforming to the Ontario New Home Warranty Program. A Downsview builder was recently sentenced to six days in jail for failing to register as a builder/vendor with the ONHWP and three counts of failing to register a new home with the program. He was also fined $72,000. This was on top of a $200,000 fine he received in 1996 for a similar violation. Founded by Ontario's home builders, ONHWP was established as an industry self-regulatory model to administer the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act. Under the Act, every builder or vendor of a new home built for sale in Ontario must provide a warranty and must be registered with ONHWP and enrol every unit prior to construction.

Jazz fans may want to start off their new year with a concert in Peterborough on January 18 featuring Doug Riley on his B3 Hammond organ, saxophonist Phil Dwyer, Ted Quinlan on guitar and Bob McLaren on drums. It's a rarity to have an organ included in a jazz event these days, but this is not your average concert and Doug Riley is not your average musician. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Showplace Theatre, 290 George St. N.. Tickets are $15 in advance or $16 at the door. For information call Craig Paterson at 705-745-1870 or Ken Brown at 705-743-8750 (evenings.) This is the third of four concerts in this season's Kawartha Jazz Society series. The final performance is February 15 featuring Jeanie Bryson.

In 1948, the first Sportsmen's Show as held in the Coliseum, Exhibition Place in Toronto to raise money for conservation and outdoor projects in Canada. Fifty years and $26-million in fundraising later, it's still going strong, with the anniversary "edition" to open its doors from Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 22 at the National Trade Centre, Exhibition Place. There will be 600 exhibitors and an expected 170,000 visitors anxious to find information on the latest products and services to help them enjoy Canada's natural blessings. New features include a Golden Arrow Archery Competition at the 7,000 sq. ft. archery range and a 27-foot-high climbing wall. There's also the Gold Whistle Indoor Retriever Trials. For more information call 416-695-0311.

Oh, the Echo staff was well fed this past holiday season – and we didn't have to do any of the baking ourselves, which is even better! Our thanks go out to Joyce Tait (for a second batch of melt-in-the-mouth shortbread cookies), Nick Nimigon and the Abel family for their kindness and culinary skills.

Dr. Harry Good dies

Former Haliburton physician Dr. Harry Good died Monday morning in the Cardiac Unit of Ottawa Civic Hospital. Visitation for Dr. Good will take place from 1p.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, January 2 at the Gordon A Monk Funeral Home in Minden. A funeral service will be held from the funeral home at 2 p.m..

The Echo received the news as the paper was going to press Monday evening. No other details were available. A death notice and obituary will be published in next week's edition.

Newly amalgamated municipality of Galway, Cavendish and Harvey undergoes re-organization

The new municipality of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey, which was created by an Order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated July 4, 1997, will begin its operation on January 2, 1998. The office will be at the office of the former Township of Harvey in Buckhorn. The mailing address will be P.O. Box 130, Buckhorn, Ontario K0L 1J0 (705) 657-8883 or 1-800-374-4009, fax (705) 657-9077.

The office hours will be Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon, closed Monday.

The Council of the new Township elected on November 10, 1997 is as follows: Tom Flynn, Reeve; Audrey Coumbs, Deputy-Reeve; Ronald Windover, Councillor at Large; Guy Scott, Councillor Galway-Cavendish Ward; Audrey von Bogen, Councillor Harvey Ward.

The inaugural meeting of the new council will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, January 2 at Buckhorn Community Centre and the first regular council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 1997 at the Municipal Office in Buckhorn. Subsequent regular council meetings will be held at the same time and place every second Tuesday evening.

John Millage will be the Chief Administrative Officer of the new Township. Donna Barr will be the Clerk and Joan McCausland will be the Treasurer.

Lloyd Nelson will be the Road Superintendent assisted by Foremen Gerard Pearson and Barry Hunt. The main Road Office will be located in Buckhorn. You may reach the Road Superintendent at the municipal office or by calling (705) 657-1236 or 1-800-300-5608.

The Chief Building Official will be Jim Coons assisted by Inspectors John Pate and John Beaven and matters related to building permits and by-law enforcement can be directed to the municipal office.

Ken Burns will be the Fire Chief of the new Township assisted by a number of District Chiefs located in each of the existing fire halls. He can be reached at 657-9893. For fire and other emergencies, please continue to call the existing emergency numbers . DO NOT CALL 911.

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A New Year's Epiphany

■ *On a winter's night, a woman "ripe for a mid-life crisis" looks at her cat and ponders the feline's ability to find perfect happiness*

by KERRY RILEY

"Basking in warmth while the cold etched diamonds on the windowpane, replete, every sense engaged and rewarded, centred in surroundings sympathetic to his own peculiar beauty and in the presence of an appreciative witness, he was a creature at the apogee of his existence," Essonville's Kerry Riley says of her cat, Scotty, left. "He had scaled the summit of catness, had fulfilled his feline destiny, was complete in his being. His only remaining option for progress was evolution to a higher form, if, indeed, such a thing exists."

Could she say the same thing about herself, she wondered as the clock struck midnight

I HAVE, WITHIN the last few years, entered my forties. I'm reasonably certain that while this milestone resonates for most people, it does so with particular meaning for me. When I was 11, you see, in 1967, I inadvertently imbued my fourth decade with mysterious significance.

In 1967, Canada celebrated its centennial. I was thrilled to discover I was part of this ancient civilization which had existed for 100 years! Quite naturally, I began to muse upon other significant anniversaries. The millennium came to mind. What began as a simple mathematical calculation — that in the year 2000 I would be 44 — ended in profound revelation. Not only could I not imagine being 44, I could not imagine being 40-anything. Although I will admit to my share of childhood faults, a lack of imagination was not one of them. Apparently, being 40 is a condition which must be approached by degrees — one can not get there directly from 11.

Of course, if our centennial had occurred at some other time, if I was five or 25, instead of 11, everything might have been different. But it didn't, and I wasn't, and here I am, now —fortyish — perched on the boundary of terra incognito, taking my first tentative steps through what was once the unimaginable unknown.

While at first I determined to feign surprise at my numerical age (it seemed like a "youthful" reaction to the facts) I have abandoned that approach. No one else seemed surprised. I have, instead, taken to savouring the ironies of the experience.

One of the ironies which has lately caught my attention is that just at the point in my life when I have accumulated the peculiar and precise mixture of wisdom, introspection and exhaustion which renders a quiet evening alone not only endurable, but desirable, the actual possibility of having one has dwindled to nearly zero.

Considering the harried state of my present existence, doubly compounded by the holiday season, imagine my delight at finding myself, last year, a few days after Christmas, in sole possession of my living room. While humble enough in the harsh light of day, this room comes into its own in the evening. Under the gentle airbrush of a 40-watt bulb, shrouded in late-night gloam, the stone wall looms massive, and the rickety Franklin, quaint.

The polished cedar logs and beams seem to absorb light and then emit it again — kindling shimmering anti-shadows which evaporate under a direct gaze, yet always gather back around to burnish the edges of one's vision.

This evening, the sense of privileged seclusion was enhanced by the twinkle and glow of a Christmas tree. I've always been a fool for a Christmas tree. Furthermore, a rare combination of meterological conditions and planetary alignment was apparently funnelling radio signals directly to our antenna, flooding my ears with the welcome sounds of late-night jazz.

Ensconced in all this atmosphere, in my great-grandmother's ancient rocker, a remnant of holiday wine in one hand, favourite book in the other, encased in the golden glow like Tinkerbell in her orb, I was, within a very short time, joined by my portly tabby Scotty. He is a thoroughly domesticated cat — the daily details of his life so far removed from those of his feral ancestors, that if he were to lose all of his appendages which are no longer essential to his survival, there would, in fact, be very little of him left. Confronted with the dreary banality of a house mouse, he fixes me with a look that implies I should CALL someone, preferring, himself, to stalk the elusive cheese doodle. His only natural enemy is the vacuum. At the advanced age of 12 years, he has attained that serene and indifferent elegance that is the sole domain of elderly felines.

Scotty has always known how to display himself to advantage. This night, he chose to drape his cascades of silver tabby ticking over the broad arm of the nearby sofa. His perfect teardrop profile, its fluid droop unhampered by even a memory of muscle tone, betrayed a lifetime dedicated to the unapologetic pursuit of food and comfort. He was saved, in all this, from any suggestion of unsightly bulk or tawdry excess, by his toes. Scotty's corpulence tapered to an end with all the sinuous grace of an Erte print. The bony, aesthetic arch of his immaculately white-stockinged legs and delicate spray of articulated toes, spread in the classic "Ninja kitty" pose, provided the essential counterpoint to his bodily opulence. The overall effect was one of exuberant abundance.

So there we were, one frigid evening in December, just two epicurean souls, adrift in the universe in our own little bubble of mutual delight, all the ages spread before and behind us.

Into my forties, ripe for a mid-life crisis, my antennae tuned to the elegiac, I was struck by the exquisite coincidence of our situation — how fate, chance, necessity, had conspired through eons to culminate in this particular moment. Considering the infinite number of points in space and time that have been or will be, and the personalities that have or will inhabit them, our own conjunction seemed a rare and remarkable thing — perhaps not fraught with the significance with which Napoleon met Wellington, but just as unique, and very much our own.

I threw an affectionate glance his way as he dozed dreamily on the sofa, ice-green eyes half-mast, but ears carefully swivelled towards the radio — sifting the melodies from the air — the really satisfying bits acknowledged with a whisker twitch and cockatoo-like ruffle of his carefully spread toes. Basking in warmth while the cold etched diamonds on the windowpane, replete, every sense engaged and rewarded, centred in surroundings sympathetic to his own peculiar beauty and in the presence of an appreciative witness, he was a creature at the apogee of his existence. He had scaled the summit of catness, had fulfilled his feline destiny, was complete in his being. His only remaining option for progress was evolution to a higher form, if, indeed, such a thing exists.

"Does he know?" I wondered, or is it left to the observer, only, to recognize the zenith of any individual existence? Does every life contain such a moment, or are they simply happy coincidences, favouring a random few?

The great maw of the universe offered up no answers (which, in retrospect, I think, is probably a good thing).

The clock struck twelve and broke the spell; my sense of irony re-materialized. Great, I thought, another year soon under way and only one certainty prevails: lost in the foothills of my own life, and, bearing down hard on 44, I envy my cat.

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There's a trend towards brand name, better quality purchases

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three weeks before Christmas and were buying them as a family gift."

Many retailers found there wasn't a big push for one or two items, such as last year's runaway hit, Tickle Me Elmo.

"There wasn't a hot, hot toy this year," says Glecoff, but V&S did sell about 60 talking frogs and birds. Many kids seemed to be interested in digitized or computerized games and toys.

One trend that he says is becoming more pronounced is the desire for brand name products and the accompanying willingness to pay for them. "People want better quality merchandise and brand names. A lot of people around here got Wrangler jeans this Christmas."

Other popular brands were Brooks for clothing and shoes, and Sorel and Kodiak boots.

"Kids are more brand conscious," says Glecoff's son Clay. "Whatever's on tv is what they want."

In tallying up the results of the successful Christmas season, the Glecoffs say that on average, whenever a customer made a trip to the cash register, they spent more money than they did last year. "There seemed to be more money available."

And were any of them waiting until the last minute to do their shopping?

"The last three days we were just swamped," says Mike Varty of Varty Jewellery. "I guess most of the husbands think 'why not wait until the last minute?'"

He also noticed that people "didn't seem to be too worried about prices" and that jewellery and watches were good sellers.

By and large, most retailers were in a good mood on Boxing Day, when there was the additional influx of cottagers coming up to the Highlands for the Christmas-New Year break. If 1997 is ending on a good note, retailers hope that bodes well for an even better 1998.

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SALES: Just after Christmas, Amy and Kate Oliver came up to their Miskwabi Lake cottage with their family – just in time to do a little Boxing Day shopping at V&S. Many retailers say people seemed to have more money to spend this holiday season, but they are still extremely price conscious.

The 4Cs helps those trying to keep their heads above water in these difficult economic times

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amount donated in the weeks before the holiday.

The 4Cs had hoped that new food banks in Bancroft would relieve some of the demand from the eastern part of the county, but Bancroft would only give hampers to those on welfare.

At the 4Cs, "we try to help the ones who are trying to keep their heads above water," Petch says, whether they have low-paying, seasonal jobs or are receiving social assistance. There are also those who "get caught" in the transition between being laid off and receiving unemployment insurance and they also need a bit of help to have a happy holiday.

"You see the need and it's nice to share," says Petch, who is deeply grateful for the support shown by the community yet again.

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(Peterborough County)
Thursday, January 8, 1998
1:00-4:00pm.
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(Northumberland County)
Friday, January 9, 1998
1:00-4:00pm.
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For further information, please call the Haliburton, Kawartha & Pine Ridge District Health Council at (705) 748-2992.

Propane heater explodes, injuring Carnarvon man

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A Carnarvon man is in Wellesley Hospital after suffering burns in a propane heater explosion on Christmas Eve.

Charlie Campbell had gone to check on the heater in a bunkie behind his house on Hwy 118 when his wife heard an explosion.

"It was quite an explosion," says Stanhope fire chief Bob Pollard. "It blew part of the door 80 feet from the building."

Campbell's nylon coat had begun to melt but he was able to take it off, Pollard says. "He's a lucky man."

While ambulance attendants attended to Campbell, the firefighters, who arrived at the scene at the same time, put out the fire in the bunkie.

Campbell was transported to the Toronto hospital where on Monday morning he was listed in good, stable condition.

Because it was a propane explosion, the Fire Marshall's Office was called in and an investigator spent much of Christmas day at the scene, about two kilometres east of Carnarvon. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Gooderham house lost to fire on Christmas morning

A Gooderham man lost his house and nearly everything he owned in a Christmas morning fire.

On December 25 at 9:30 a.m., the Glamorgan fire department was called to a fire at Bill Shaw's house on Hwy. 503. Shaw was not in the house at the time as he was visiting family for the holidays.

"It took us about four hours to get it under control," says interim fire chief Peter Rakowski. "The house is still standing but it's a wreck."

About a dozen firemen, who had just got home from what turned out to be a fatal snowmobile accident on Pine Lake, responded to the call. "What a way to spend Christmas," Rakowski says. "Moral was good, though."

It's believed that the fire started in an electrical panel, he says.

Snowmobiler dies after hitting tree

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onto a trail and hit a tree with his 1994 Polaris 650 Indy," says an officer with the Coboconk OPP, which is still investigating the accident.

Some of the friends returned to the base camp where they phoned the ambulance. The Dysart fire department also responded with the rescue sleigh, which had been donated to the department by Haliburton Forest. Firefighters helped transport the ambulance attendants the 9.6 kilometres to the accident site and then return with the accident victim.

When Sterling was transported to Haliburton Hospital, he was pronounced dead on arrival.

HE SHOOTS AND SCORES – THEN IT'S HER TURN: Siblings Nicole and Kyle Grove spent part of their holiday skating on the rink their dad, Fred, built in front of their Eagle Lake home. The temperatures didn't dip low enough for a good surface until after Boxing Day.

Bowl For Kids Sake welcomes participants

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Victoria-Haliburton is a non-profit organization matching adults with children six to 16 years of age on a one-to-one basis who would benefit from the friendship and guidance of a mature adult friend. It has 75 children on the waiting list for a "Big".

The association does not receive any government funding and rely heavily on donations and fundraising events.

The "Bowl for Kids Sake" drive (formerly known as "Bowl for Millions") is the annual major fundraiser and has been set for Sunday, Feb. 22 at County Bowling Centre in Minden and Saturday, March 7 in Lindsay. Teams of bowlers are invited to participate. The whole idea of the event is to have fun!

There is no cost to the bowler and each team has 1 1/2 hours to bowl two games with five to six people on a team. The Minden event is 1to 4 p.m. Random prizes will be given out during the events and each individual bowler will be entitled to special prizes for the amount of pledges brought in.

Each bowler who brings in pledges of $100 will receive a BFKS T-shirt, $150 will be entered into a draw for a chance to win one of two limited edition prints, $200 will receive a BFKS sweat shirt, $300 will receive a dinner for two at Joel's and the overall highest amount in pledges collected by an individual bowler will win a weekend for two compliments of Wigamog Inn in Haliburton (valued at $500).

If you would like to get involved with this fund raiser or need more information, please call the County Bowling Centre in Minden at 286-1476. Cash donations are also welcome.

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Editorial

Things to get happy about in '98

IN KEEPING WITH The Echo's annual tradition, here are some of things we think you can be happy about as the new year approaches.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS: There are few things which cause as much fear and anxiety as fire and its ability to destroy so much in so little time. Fighting fires is not easy task; if not done properly, it puts at risk the lives of those who are trying most to limit the damage.

In communities across the county, the men who fight the fires deserve even more praise because they are volunteers. Whether the call comes in at three in the morning or three in the middle of the night – or even on Christmas morning, as was the case in Gooderham this year –, they're willing to immediately rush to the fire hall, suit up and be on their way to the emergency. They leave their businesses, their workplaces and their families behind in a moment's notice, all in the hopes they can do something to help. Sometimes the call comes in too late to do more than protect the surrounding buildings and landscape, sometimes the fire is quickly extinguished, and sometimes they come across some pretty grisly scenes, especially since they are often the first response at accidents.

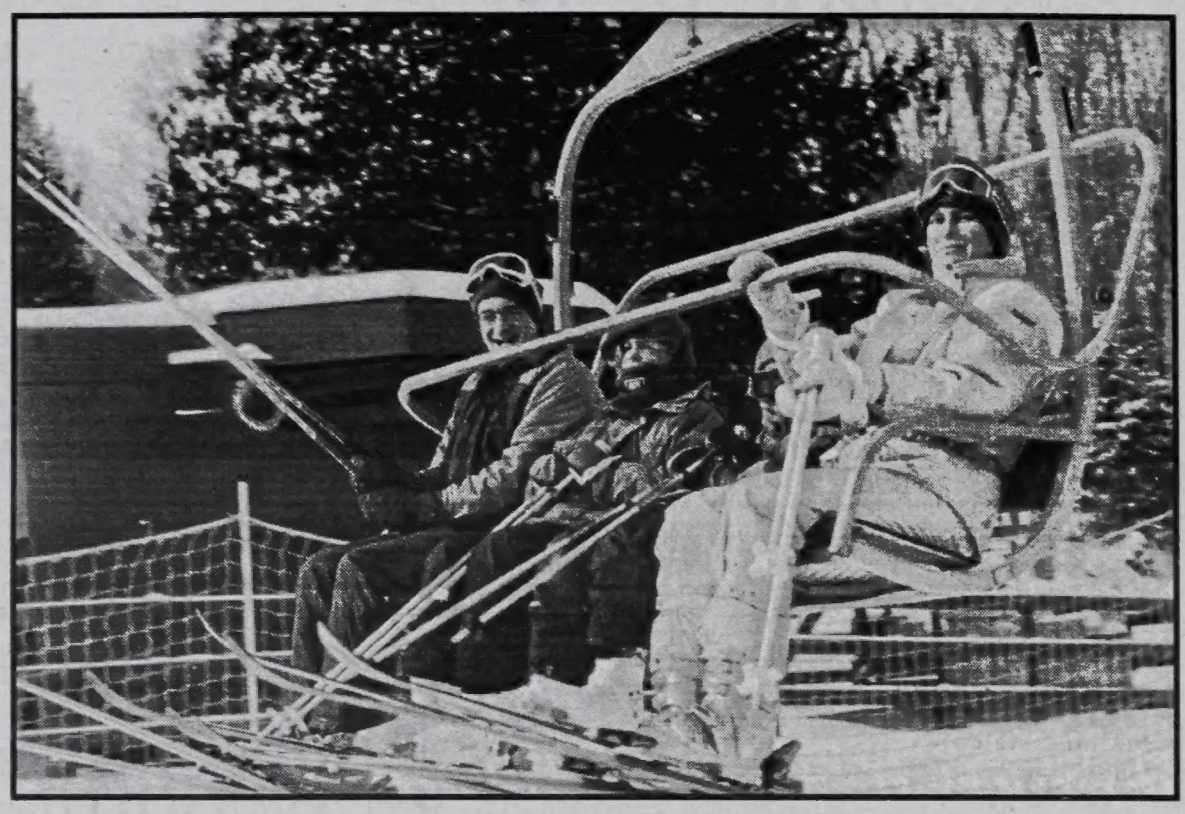
Why do they do it? Well, there's no one else who can, since this county could never afford to hire full-time firefighters. But it's more than that. They have a deep commitment to the wellbeing of their community, even if that means making their own wellbeing secondary in importance. In return, the community can never say thank you enough.

PRITCHARD HOUSE: Once the forests and the lakes attract people to the Highlands, they tend to look around them and wonder what to do now that they're here. Luckily, many people also find inspiration in the Highlands' beautiful vista. Those who can turn that inspiration into art, do so; those who can't, buy the art. It's a perfect relationship that has only become stronger with time.

The addition of Pritchard House to the local artistic landscape helps to enhance that relationship even more. The handweavers and spinners guild (part of the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts) has transformed the historic house in Minden into a gift shop and workshop area. The group holds its meetings here and has set up a few looms so newcomers can see if they like weaving enough to purchase their own equipment. Members also volunteer to run the shop, which sells handcrafted items from the Highlands. By doing so, they are helping to reinforce a reputation for the Highlands as a place of beauty – beauty found in our landscapes and also in the creative expressions of residents and cottagers. It's a big responsibility, and they should be thanked for being so willing to take it on.

BILL HARTIN: It's a standing joke around the *Echo* office that when Bill walks in, your wallet comes out. He's always selling tickets to something and he does it with such a smile you just can't say no. In small towns, where many organizations rely on fundraising, no matter how small, to be able to carry out their programs, someone like Mr. Hartin is a valuable asset. Without him they'd be lost.

His favourite causes is the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, partly because his daughter Penny, who's blind, is the CNIB's executive director for Ontario and has travelled the world in her world with the organization. The Lions Club and its work in Kinmount with the model rail station also take up a lot of his time – when he's not travelling to baseball games as an umpire or acting as scorekeeper, timekeeper and announcer at hockey games at the Haliburton arena. If you enjoyed last summer's series of memories about life along the rail line between Haliburton and Kinmount, it's thanks to Mr. Hartin, who approached the volunteer contributors and organized the whole thing. It's nice to have him around. **M.P.**



A Sir Sam's ski holiday by Martha Perkins

Letters to the Editor

Since some snowmobilers speed on roads, more deterrents needed

To the Editor:

In the early afternoon of December 21, two snowmobile drivers were afforded the best Christmas presents they will ever receive: their lives.

Poor road surface conditions on the Haliburton Lake road demanded considerable care in the operation of any motorized vehicle and I was driving my truck back to Fort Irwin from the West Bay area accordingly. On the way there, I had noticed two black and yellow snowmobiles and the drivers stopped at the Fort Irwin Marina property. Returning from the West Bay area and as I was negotiating a curve to the right, these black and yellow snowmobiles suddenly approached on the right hand side of the road. They were being driven faster than conditions would dictate and, as they attempted to 'round the curve, both drivers lost control on the uneven icy surface and were on a collision course with the front and right side of my vehicle.

In heart-stopping events such as this, few people can recall particulars and how I managed to evade them, God only knows. Suffice it to say that it was some time before I regained sufficient composure to proceed home. Had any other vehicle been approaching in the immediate vicinity, a head-on collision would have been impossible to avoid, particularly in light of prevailing road conditions.

The operators of those snowmobiles will certainly know who they are and have someone other than themselves to thank for not having suffered a tragic ending. They did not bother to slow down or stop and sped off immediately.

Reeve Murray Fearrey has indicate don more than one occasion that such conduct will only result in prohibiting the operation of snowmobiles on municipal roads, for obvious reasons. When people show absolute disregard for the safety and well-being of others, such action by the municipality is warranted and inevitable. Circumstances concerning liability might then well convince county council to enact prohibition for county roads as well.

This is not the first incident of such behaviour experienced and it may not be the last. On an earlier occasion while driving on County Rd. 14 and also rounding a curve to the right, three approaching snowmobiles, side by side, effectively occupied the travelled portion of the road and, again, it was by good fortunate alone that a serious mishap was averted.

While it may have been stressed before, the fact that enjoyable operation of a snowmobile carries with it legal responsibilities and moral obligations must somehow be made abundantly and unmistakably clear to all operators of these machines. The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and similar organizations probably devote appreciable effort in this regard but no one can account for operators who attend safety seminars and lectures and sagely node their heads, only to leave and blithely conduct themselves in a totally selfish, disrespectful and highly dangerous manner. As with drunk driving, more effective deterrents are obviously in order, as actions of this nature taint all associated with this activity.

Road and trail conditions were such as to make snowmobile operation a very questionable exercise in any event and the trails will likely not benefit from usage under those conditions.

The HCSA would probably welcome constructive comments with respect to the above.

John Kup
Haliburton Lake

Holiday greetings from Singapore

We recently received this e-mail from Drag Lake resident Pat Shuttle, who is spent Christmas with her son Rob's family in Singapore and thought it might be of interest to our readers.

Greetings from Singapore and wishing you and all at the *Echo* a very merry Christmas and a

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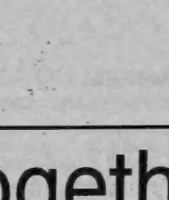
All together now as we head into '98



PERSPECTIVES

Lon Duncombe

IF THERE IS ANY single conclusion to draw from this year that is about to pass, it might be this: we may not have a clue where we're headed, but we're headed there together.

Mind you, some of the more obvious global trends will continue. Communism's irreversible slide into the dustbin of history will probably accelerate. With the takeover of Hong Kong, the People's Republic of China is fast becoming a capitalist, if not democratic, state in all but name. Mikhail Gorbachev has a new job, peddling pizza on behalf of a large American chain, while most of his fellow countrymen content themselves with scraps from the tables of the new Russian elite. The North Koreans starve among the ruins of their dilapidated Stalinist state, while, on perhaps a more positive note, Cuba just celebrated its first official Christmas in 30 years.

Multinational capitalism, which has taken effective control of politics as well as the economy, is beginning to flaunt its global stranglehold. For the most part abandoning any serious attempt to create new wealth, it is now gouging the poor and middle class in the west, as well as pursuing its traditional agenda of sucking the third world dry.

The corporate economy in Canada grows by leaps and bounds, with record profits being reported on a daily basis. Simultaneously, our children now find themselves as a whole more disadvantaged than ever before. The number of kids living in poverty, as defined by Statistics Canada, grew by 46% since 1989, and many post secondary students are facing ruinous debt loads in order to continue their education. The average Canadian citizen risks being seduced into overlooking this abuse of our future generations by the orchestrated, mesmerizing 'bread and circuses' appeal of mindless consumerism and mass media entertainment.

Economic events in Korea, Hong Kong and Japan combined with environmental upheavals such as "El Nino" demonstrate that, while the multinationals may have taken control of our global village, they are incapable of running it properly. Although it is easy enough for apologists to concoct explanations for events after they've happened, the essence of good government is to predict them ahead of time and take the appropriate corrective action.

The impact of global events on the local economy, in the short term at least, may prove to be beneficial. A weak Canadian dollar could encourage local snowbirds to stay put as well as lure relatively rich Americans to the Highlands in increasing numbers. "El Nino" has given us a mild, snowy, recreation-friendly winter while either freezing or parching neighbouring provinces. Having an M.P.P with heavy political clout will no doubt help things along this coming year, as it has in the past. On the other hand, higher interest rates could nip our modest real estate recovery in the bud and keep unemployment levels well above the provincial average.

What is most important, however, is the willingness of the residents of Haliburton County to work together to achieve common goals. Among other successes of the past year, we received long-awaited approval for both our hospital and high school expansion projects, launched a reborn annual music festival and founded an innovative new family services agency. We have citizens who, through organizations such as the 4Cs, H.A.V.E. and Rotary are willing to share their good fortune with others. And a community that knows how to take care of those less fortunate will survive, regardless of the impact of the outside world.

Pic of the Past

This photo was taken in the years when the Rails' End Gallery in Haliburton was serving its original purpose – as a railway station at the end of the CNR line. It shows station agent Bob Johnson at his desk. the man in the background is unknown. Our thanks to the Jack Hoxie collection at the Haliburton Highlands Museum for sharing the photo.

To summarize school busing

by RUTH STILL

SINCE I FIRST OPENED the topic of school busing and its dangers on November 11, there has certainly been heightened interest from the school, from bus drivers, from parents and from those students who would welcome tighter bus rules resulting in a safer, more peaceful bus trip.

Some bus drivers really attempt to make their bus orderly, clean, quiet and safe. They feel the school does not give consistent support when a malefactor is written up. What are rules for if they have no teeth to make them effective? Other drivers suffer indignity, messy buses with dangerous drink cans rolling about with food remnants, just hoping to survive the twice daily purgatory without incident.

And yes, our good Eagle Lake bus driver has resigned – stressed and purposely intimidated.

Hold a meeting? I doubt that ten such could change the leopard's spots.

Parent monitors? The bus company is concerned with insurance. It would require a stout-hearted parent indeed, but maybe . . .

A recent case in Newmarket court was reported in the Toronto Star under the headline "Son, 5, would still be alive if bus rules enforced, dad says." The child had been run over by the school bus after disembarking, the second such case in the area.

If you reflect on those people you know who have achieved success, their common denominator is a sense of responsibility for themselves and their actions and for others

One of our local drivers cited this as his worst nightmare – several children disembarking at once, diverted from his counting heads and checking, he proceeds forward and it happens! Interestingly enough, "in both cases, the drivers were not charged by the police". Which puts much of the onus for bus safety on the children themselves and parents.

All parents want their child to succeed to get a good education. If you reflect on those you know who have achieved success, their common denominator is a sense of responsibility for themselves and their actions and for others.

To cultivate this, training starts in early childhood. The child learns to wipe up, pick up and clean up after her/himself. If homework is undone, if the child runs amok of school rules, doesn't live up to an agreement, the child shoulders the blame.

A parent does a child no favour by defending them against all criticism and authority. The children don't need parents to always trouble shoot for them, nor will the parents always be at hand. Give kids a chance to learn a lesson before, as an adult, they run afoul of the law.

There is also recognition of "the common good" for which all must take responsibility, especially children in a school bus situation.

If there could be a hope for 1998 aside from the health, happiness and safety for all, it would be that all our youth learn responsibility for themselves and for others.

Orchard Drive the place to be

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happy New Year.

We had our Christmas this morning, a bright sunny and warm day. The lights here downtown are spectacular as are the decorations put up by the stores. When we came back tonight from Christmas dinner at the home of friends, the traffic was all backed up. Everyone wants to drive along Orchard Road to see the sights.

It is a happy time, everyone wishes you Merry Christmas, even a Moslem taxi driver. As I said before, they don't have committees here to promote multiculturalism, they just practise it.

We are all very sad about the recent plane crash; so many sad family stories. It is the first crash for Singapore airlines.

Everyone talks about the economy, but walking through the stores before Christmas, business seemed to be as usual. There seems to be an optimistic approach to the bad news, a feeling that bad times can be overcome.

Are you having enough snow? Don't miss that at all. After we opened our presents this morning we had brunch and then a nice cool swim in the pool. It rains more than last year and there are more thunderstorms. That, I am told, is how it should be in the rainy season.

Must go, will keep in touch.

Merry Christmas, Patricia

PeeWee A's continue their roll

by DAVE BROWN

It was a busy week with the PeeWee A Huskies stacking up another three victories just before Christmas.

The Huskies had their long anticipated rematch with Newcastle. The first period was fast paced with lots of speed and crisp passing. Ben DeCarlo put Haliburton on the board early capitalizing on a nice set up from behind the net by Matt Brown and Travis Bain. A couple of minutes later, Christ Petrow clearly won the face off, faked around the center and the defense then slid the puck past the surprised goal tender. Christ Petrow then put the Huskies ahead by three after digging the puck out of the corner.

The play tightened up slightly in the second. Adam Frybort's point shot coughed up a rebound that Jeremy Miscio pounced on, pulled back and found the back of the net. As the period wound down, Newcastle spoiled the shut out, scoring while the Huskies were shorthanded.

The goaltenders managed to blank the third period, frustrating both side's offense with some great saves. An exciting, fast moving game with the Huskies winning 4-1, delivering Newcastle their first loss in regular play of the year.

Friday was Ops' turn to take on the Huskies. Their early strategy of slowing the game down by clearing their own end by icing made for a slow first period. Ops went ahead by one goal in this period.

Haliburton picked up some momentum in the next period after some good corner work by Jeremy Miscio digging the puck out to Chris Petrow who tied the game at one. Joel Cooper started the next play passing to Chris Petrow who set up Jeremy Miscio directly in the Ops goalie's face. Jeremy's go ahead goal found the top shelf.

In the third, Chris Petrow added some insurance skating in fro outside the blueline to score Haliburton's third goal with his now patented on the ice to the corner shot. With a minute remaining in the game and a Haliburton player in the penalty box, Ops pulled their goalie in an attempt to even the game. Joel Cooper put a stop to this, scoring from inside his own blueline with only 37 seconds remaining in the game. Not one of our best games but the Huskies again put it together for a 4-1 win.

Now down to Sunderland. The Sunderland Flames were rather handily defeated by the Huskies in a previous encounter. With that in mind, they seemed intent on running the Huskies out of the rink in the opening period. Haliburton, while out-hit, still had a slight advantage and a couple of good scoring opportunities. The period ended with no score by either team.

Only 15 seconds into the second period with a man advantage, Garrett Pockett fed Chris Petrow who peeled off two defensemen and banged in a long shot to the corner scoring what was to be the game winner. Shortly after that Chris gained possession of the puck in the Flames' corner and directed a perfect pass to Matt Brown in front of the net. Matt one timed it into the open corner. Adam Frybort let a slap shot go from the point, producing a juicy rebound that Jeremy Miscio directed in, giving the Huskies a comfortable 3-0 lead.

In the third, Joel Cooper passed to Alex Ambridge who outskated the defense to cut in front of the net. Alex's rebound was picked up by Justin Sharpley who put the puck in past the sprawling Ops goalie. Continuing the pressure, Jeremy Miscio and Chris Petrow combined to force another rebound that Travis Bain picked up and promptly deposited in the net. The Huskies rounded out their scoring when Alex Ambridge again skated around the defense and cut to the net. This time, Chris Petrow was in the right place to pop in the rebound. Billy Hunter and Ryan Hutson kept the Huskies in the game, thwarting several good Ops scoring opportunities. The other was more in his favour. Good game Huskies (6-0) and another shut out.

The PeeWee A team players and parents would like to thank Glen, Dan and Greg and wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Novices give fans early Christmas gifts

by ROY BURK

After not playing for two weeks, the OMHA Novice Huskies had three games before Christmas. The lack of games and the trip to Ops on the 15th didn't seem to affect our players as they walked away with a 9 to 1 win. It was a night of falling stars as well as shining stars.

Five days later, Mariposa met us at home. "Lightning" doesn't bother the Huskies as we repeated the Ops score with another 9-1 victory.

A nice Sunday afternoon drive the following day fund us in Millbrook. Another fantastic game of perfect passing and dynamite defence as we stormed the Stars, 14-0.

Our passing methods and defensive strategies needed a good test after playing weaker teams for the last month. So Coach Jim Winn lined up some stronger teams for the past weekend. On Dec. 27, we were matched up against the Orillia Terriers OMHA team. Orillia is classified an "A" centre and we're a "C" centre. This team was a lot faster and their back checking skills kept us unbalanced. By the second period, they were up 2-0. But our boys fought back and within a minute, we made it 2-1. At the 9:54 mark in the third, the Terriers scored again but we retaliated again with some nifty passing to get within one goal. It was end to end hockey the whole game with both teams getting their opportunities but unfortunately, Orillia came out on top with a 3-2 win.

Sunday had us matched against Ennismore who are a "CC" centre and had only lost three games all season (none in regular play). This team proved to be fast as well. But our Huskies were ready. Our passing game was a major factor as well as our defence for we came out 7-2 winners.

There were too many goals in the five games so I'll just give the individual stats: Ryan Bottum four goals, two assists; Galen Bowman one goal, two assists; Jeff Burk three goals, four assists; Devin Hunter seven goals, two assists; Scott Lewis one goal, three assists; Dylan Metcalfe, 10 goals, six assists; Matt Tripp three goals, two assists; Adam Sisson eight goals, 11 assists; Tyler Watson three goals, four assists; Kenton Winn two goals, two assists. Our goalie, Ian Sachs, only had two goals against him in three games. Great job "cat"!

Matt Roberts played net for us against Orillia and Ennismore and was a big help. Thanks Matt!

You can e-mail us at editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca

Haliburton Minor Hockey Home Games

Dec. 30 - Jan.6

Jan. 2

PeeWee C Tournament

Jan. 3

PeeWee A Tournament

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11:30 a.m..
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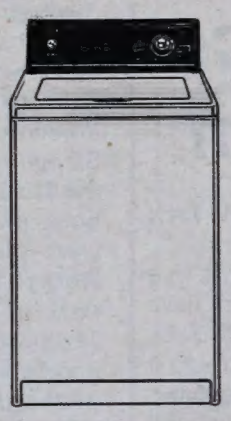

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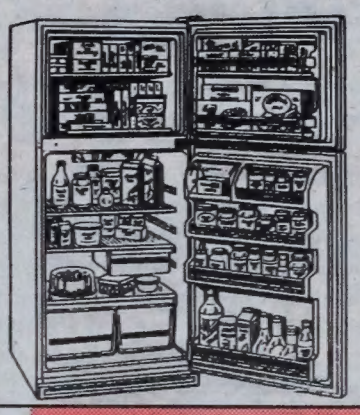

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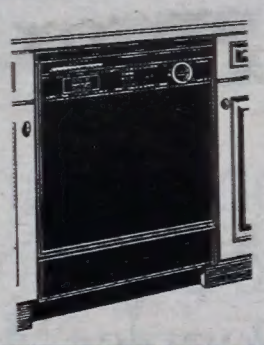

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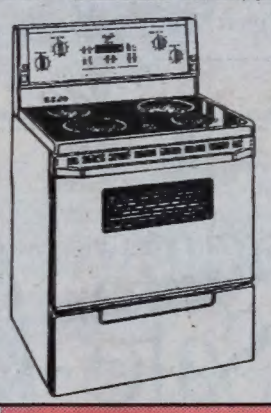

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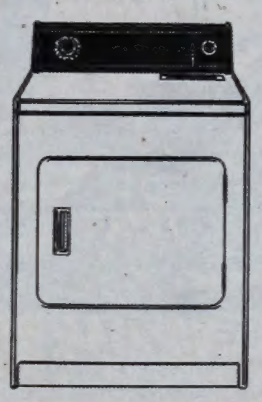

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Busy holidays for Husky Major Tykes

Last Monday, the Major Tyke Huskies travelled to Wilberforce for yet another match against their arch rivals. The Rockets struck first with two goals in the early minutes of the first but the Huskies replied in the dying minutes of the period when Mac Trueman fed a picture perfect pass to Robert Lowes and he put it behind the startled Rocket goaler.

The second period was up and down with the Rockets putting some serious pressure on the Huskies but the stalwart goaltending of Jesse Stoughton kept them off the scoreboard. Thirty seconds into the third, JL Frybort made an outstanding play at the blueline to keep the puck in the Rocket zone and then passed to Chase Thurston who relayed to Robert Lowes to tie the game at two. The Huskies had opportunities to take the lead but the Rockets prevailed and scored a couple of late goals to win it 4-2.

Sunday, the Mariposa Lightning came to visit and the Huskies weren't very hospitable hosts. Mariposa got on the board early in the first but that just seemed to charge the Huskies up. Robert Lowes tied the game with helpers to Nelson Evans and Jesse Stoughton. Then, early in the third, Jesse Stoughton scored on a breakaway to take the lead. Moments later, Robert Lowes, standing in his favourite spot in front of the net, received a beauty pass from Nelson Evans and Daniel Sisson and it was 3-1. Nelson Evans scored with two minutes left in the game when Lane Schmid passed to Cole Scheffee and he hit Evans with a pass and the result was a 4-1 victory for the Huskies.

Chase Thurston was excellent in the net and the defence of Nathan Woodcock, JL Frybort, Scott Griffith and Lane Schmidt played a very strong game.

The Husky Major Tykes were busy two weeks ago, hosting two games. They met the Beaverton Blades on Saturday and started things off on the right track when Nelson Evans scored with assists going to Chase Thurston and Cole Scheffee.

The coaching staff had shuffled the lineup and most of the boys were playing in different positions and to Beaverton's credit, they took advantage. Jesse Stoughton was like Scrooge in the nets, not giving the Blades anything but late in the first period, they tied the score and soon after added a couple more. Mac Trueman banged in a late marker for the Huskies with assists to Daniel Sisson and Scott Griffith. Final score 7-2 for the Blades.

Sunday morning, the boys from Parry Sound came a callin' and the Huskies were ready. The play went up and down and Mac Trueman in the nets was outstanding. He made save after unbelievable save and definitely was the star of the game.

Parry Sound got on the board first late in the first period and held the lead until midway through the second when JL Frybort stripped the puck from a Parry Sound forward and fed a pass to a streaking Nathan Woodcock who relayed to Jesse Stoughton. Three minutes later, the Huskies put together a text book play when all five guys were playing their positions. Robert Lowes picked up the puck in the corner passed it to Jesse Stoughton who spotted an uncovered Daniel Sisson in front of the net. Sisson buried the puck and it was 2-1 Huskies.

Honorable mention goes to Lane Schmid who played another strong game on the blue line and for that matter the whole team effort was excellent – keep up the good work boys!

Young cross country skiers can enhance their skills through Jack Rabbit program

The Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club is again offering the Jack Rabbit Learn-to-Ski program for children ages five to 12 years. This is a fun-on-snow series of Saturday afternoon cross country ski games and lessons. The children progress through a system of nine badges developed by Cross Country Canada. Each badge level represents a set of standard skills in nordic skiing, from the never-on-skis-before beginner, to more advanced ski-skating and classic techniques. Many of the Haliburton High School Nordic Ski Team learned their basics in the Jack Rabbit Program but the emphasis is on fun and participation, not racing or competition.

This year, the program will be run from the new, heated Club House in Glebe Park, formerly the Bluegrass Festival band shelter. This will be a good indoors viewing area for parents or grandparents to watch the kids and join in on the warm drinks afterwards.

The Club welcomes the parents to bring a pair of skis and either ski with their children or enjoy the expanded tails in Glebe Park. In order to encourage more (grand)parent participation, there will be no trail fees for the afternoons of all Jack Rabbit sessions.

The program is officially for ages five through 12 years but younger skiers have often participated. However, each Jack Rabbit leader has several children to watch so it is important that an adult accompanies the little skiers to help with mittens, crossed skis and runny noses.

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Rocket Novice Bs blast away at their opponents

The Minden Novice Bs came to Wilberforce for an exhibition game Saturday afternoon. Jonathon Belbin started the scoring on a lovely pass from Daniel Riley. Jonathon scored again with help from Adam DeCarlo. Josh Townsend scored his first goal of the year after taking a nice pass from Adam. Jonathon and Adam combined for another goal, giving Jonathon a well deserved hat trick. Way to go Jonathon! Jonathan then made a great pass to Adam who finished off the scoring. Final score 5-0.

Jeremy Orth came up big in net once again. The Rockets' defensive team of Drew Galloway, Nicholas Adams and Daniel Riley all played well.

Monday night, the Rockets travelled to Oakwood. The boys played hard but Oakwood scored the first four goals, with Wilberforce scoring late in the third period. Travis MacKay scored the goal with assist going to Adam DeCarlo and Josh Townsend. Final score Oakwood 4, Wilberforce 1.

We travelled to Beaverton early Saturday morning. It was a great game between two equally matched teams. Adam DeCarlo scored the only goal of the game with assists going to Drew Galloway and Jonathon Belbin. Jeremy Orth was awesome in net, making some unbelievable saves. He robbed Beaverton of any goals and chalked up another shut out. Way to go, Jeremy. All the boys played a great game. Working hard to help Jeremy were Josh Townsend, Travis MacKay, Daniel Riley and Nicholas Adams. Final score, 1-0 for Wilberforce.

Oakwood came to Wilberforce Sunday afternoon for a re-match. The first period was scoreless with great play from both teams. Adam DeCarlo scored the first goal late in the second period with assists going to Drew Galloway and Nicholas Adams. With a great deal of help from our star goalie, we held off Oakwood. We scored again with 34 seconds left in the game. Daniel Riley scored the goal with an assist going to Adam DeCarlo. Another shut-out for Jeremy who once again kept us alive. Final score, 2-0 for Wilberforce.

Our small but mighty team consists of Jeremy Orth, Josh Townsend, Travis MacKay, Jonathon Belbin, Drew Galloway, Nicholas Adams, Daniel Riley and Adam DeCarlo. With the help of Coach Tony DeCarlo, Assistant Coach Mark Riley and Trainer Howard MacKay and of course all the very supportive parents it has been a great season so far. Keep up the good work boys and have a safe and happy holiday.

Third period comeback can't save Bantam As from loss

by SUE CLARKSON

The Bantam A Huskies faced off against Beaverton recently with the Blades up 3-1 by the end of the first period. By the end of the second both teams had netted two more. Despite the Huskies coming out in the third and playing better hockey than in the first two periods, it just wasn't enough. This was their first loss in seven or so games by a score of 6-3. No doubt the rematch at home will result in a better showing,.

One of the big problems in this game was the number of penalties. The team was in the penalty box almost all the third period leaving them too short on numbers to mount an attack. Ryan Wood netted the first Huskie goal following a super slapshot from the point by Logan Roberts also assisted by Travis Bain. Goal two was netted by Travis Bain, assisted by Bob Hebert. Nick Cochrane scored the final goal from Adam Henry. Lots of good plays by the Huskies but the puck just didn't bounce their way.

The Bantams hosted Minden just before Christmas for the first of two matches this season. Both teams had long awaited this game. The pace was speedy to begin with and before the first minute was over, Danny Koz had weaved his way through the opposition, scoring with a hard slapshot from the slot, assisted by Jamie Johnston. The Huskies had numerous chances but couldn't capitalize on any.

In the second period the Monarchs skated circles around the Huskies netting three unanswered goals and dominating a good portion of the play. The Huskies had several chances but were stoned by the Minden netminder each time. In the third the home team came out strong and clearly won this period but the Minden goaltender was the hero of this game, blocking each and every Huskie shot. The Huskies pulled their goalie near the end of the period but Minden squeaked one in the empty net after several tries. Final Score: Minden 4 – Haliburton 1.

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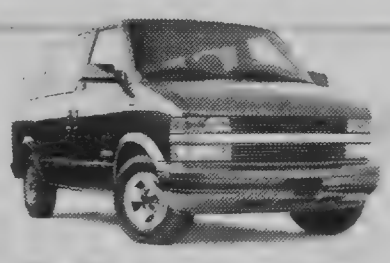

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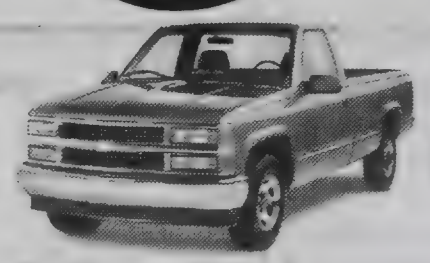

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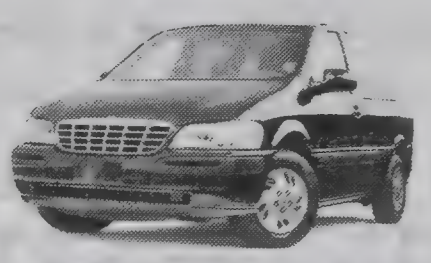

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Minden prepares for sled dog derby

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Anson, Hindon and Minden council's meeting on Decmeber 18.

Planning for the county's biggest winter tourism event is well underway as the date for Minden's annual sled dog derby draws closer.

This year's running of the dogs in the Techni-Cal Challenge takes place over the weekend of January 17-18.

The two days of races attract thousands of spectators and a field of the sport's most competitive international racers, competing for the biggest purse of prize money on the circuit.

"There's lots of interest among the racing community," one of the organizers, Jack Brezina, told councillors.

Among those cheering from the sidelines this year will be representatives from Martin's Pet Foods, which is sponsoring the event, and its parent-company, H.J. Heinz Co.

Brezina said racers have been encouraged to bring flags from their province, states and countries for a march down main street leading up to the opening ceremony.

Council agreed to support the event as it has in the past with a $1,000 grant and assistance from the roads department to help prepare the course. Last year, the roads department's time and effort amounted to a contribution of roughly $4,000 by the municipality.

Traffic lights

Councillors are recommending that the MTO include a set of traffic lights at the intersection of Bobcaygeon Road and Hwy. 35 adjacent to West Side Jug City in its redesign plans for the highway.

The Ministry recently held an information session to show the public its preliminary plans for upgrading the section of the highway that bypasses the village.

Councillors expressed concern over the potential for accidents in the acceleration lane that joins the highway near the West Side Jug City plaza.

To enter the plaza drivers have to cross through the acceleration lane, creating a potentially dangerous traffic problem.

Lands for Life

Reeve Jeanne Anthon said she was disappointed that a provincially assembled group studying uses for Crown land didn't notify the municipality of its public meetings last week in Haliburton.

The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Round Table for Ontario's Lands for Life met at the Wigamog recently. However, Anthon noted that Minden received no information about the meetings, even though the committee's preliminary plan has a significant impact on the municipality.

"One of the proposals on the table is designating a big chunk of Anson, Hindon and Minden land as a natural reserve," she told councillors.

The designation would allow hiking and fishing, but would not allow logging or hunting, said councillor Grant Plooard.

HALIBURTON STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP: Sarah Bonfield, a graduate of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, has been awarded the Chester Schwandt Award from Loyalist College. This award is given to a student who is attending Loyalist, who comes from the Haliburton area. Here she's congratulated by Charles Benson, the Bursar at Loyalist College.

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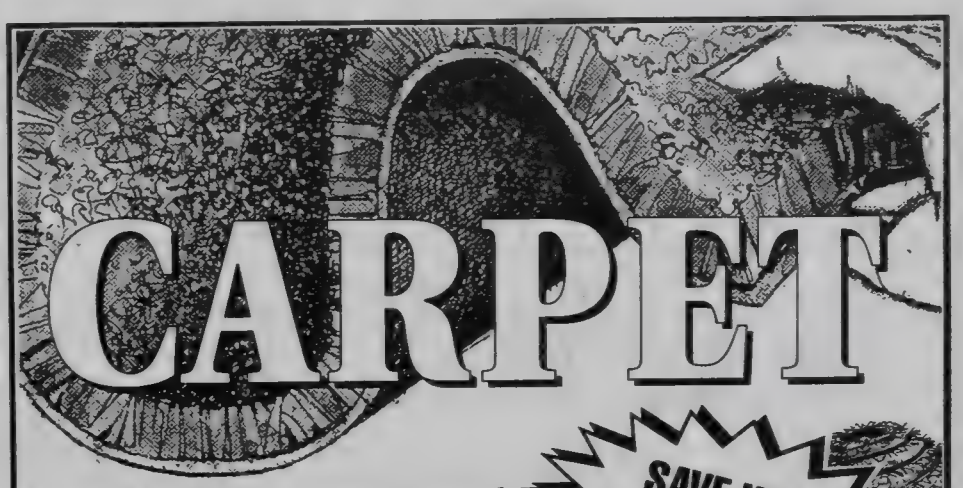

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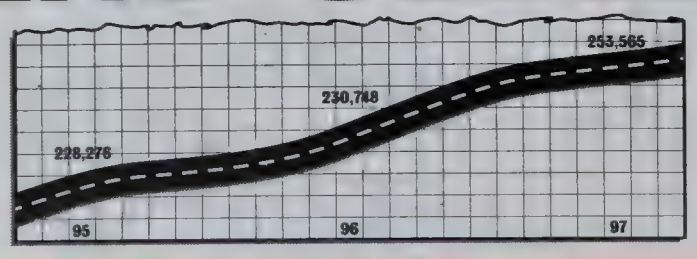

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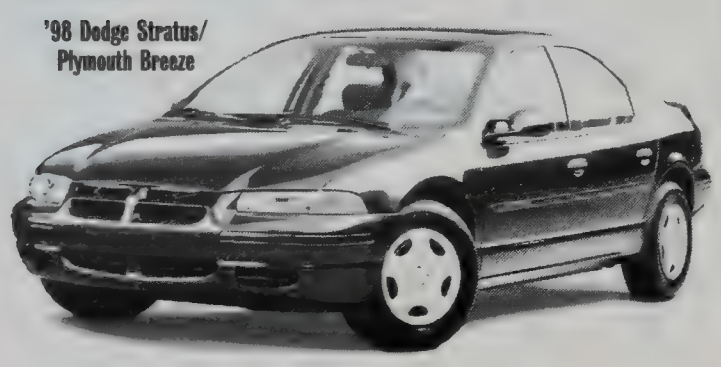

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A new BEGINNING

"Your paths get directed in curious ways," says West Guilford's Maggie Milne, a newly ordained deacon who will be moving to her new parish in the Canadian Arctic next week

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, Maggie Milne decided that it was never too late for a new beginning. Life didn't have to follow along some pre-ordained path that allowed no detours or u-turns along the way.

On January 6, the day of Epiphany, this decision will be taking her up to one of the northernmost reaches of Canada to begin her new life as a new Anglican deacon.

A new beginning indeed for a 56-year-old woman.

"Your paths get directed in curious ways," she says just a few days before Christmas, in the midst of all the usual holiday preparations plus the additional chore of packing up belongings to either take to Corral Harbour near Baffin Island or leave south in storage. Her holiday was made even more poignant by knowing that the traditional family gathering will probably be the last one for at least a year. About to be parted, the closeness of family was to be especially enjoyed.

Oddly enough, however, it was because her own mother's path followed a more conventional route that Mrs. Milne decided to enter church life, first as an organist and now as an ordained deacon (the stage before becoming a priest.)

"My mother died in 1978 and I thought she was a person of much ability and there were more things she might have done," says Mrs. Milne, regretful of so many lost opportunities on her mother's behalf. At the time, Mrs. Milne's own four children were fairly independent, and she was questioning what her future role should be – continuing on as a wife or mother, or following her long-held desire to become a more active participant in the church. Not wanting any regrets, she was luckily able to do both.

She started by taking organ lessons with Syd Birrell in Peterborough. A trained pianist – she has her ERCT diploma – she was repeatedly getting requests to play organ, so she thought she might as well learn to do it right. Eventually, she won the provincial silver medal in Grade 9 exams and was awarded her associateship in organ music in 1984, when she was hired as organist for St. Paul's Anglican Church in Lindsay.

But this was only a first step. She enrolled in correspondence courses for her Bachelor of Arts through the University of Waterloo. "It's very, very slow work," she smiles, but she was able to hasten the pace after her father died in 1989, and left her enough money to be able to enroll in Sir Wilfrid Laurier University's music therapy degree program full-time. After her first year there , however, her other role as mother beckoned her back to Haliburton,. where she continued to study through correspondence, eventually getting her BA in 1992.

Again, that proved only to be another step taking her forward along a new path.

Even as a young girl, she had wanted to be an Anglican priest, an impossibility at the time. "I felt it was my calling but at the time, the church wasn't ordaining women so it was just as clear to me it couldn't happen."

By 1992, however, the impossible was possible – if not yet fully accepted by some Anglicans – and the following fall, she enrolled in Trinity College's theology program. In one of those unexpected twists, she developed an allergy to the incense and switched to Wycliffe College in the second year. At Wycliffe she was at home, at least theologically. "It felt right."

While she has enjoyed and felt great satisfaction from raising a family, she also found herself thriving in this new environment. "It's a sense of teaching and (providing) ministry to people in their spiritual life – helping people to live in this world," she says of her role as priest.

"What I like about the Anglican church is that it's strong on scripture but it's also a sacramental church. The sacraments are sustenance that enable people to live, so does good teaching."

As part of the program, she had to do an internship. For her to look forward to see where she wanted to be as a priest, she decided to re-visit her past by spending that internship in Canada's Arctic. It was a way of testing her desire to return there

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By returning to the Arctic, Milne is preparing for a new future

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on a more permanent basis.

The first sojourn in The North had been a time of happiness and contentment, even though it was also a period of many challenges. It started one day in Scarborough, when her husband Jim came home from his job as a teacher and said "What would you think about moving up north?"

"As a kid, I had got really interested in reading about The North so I said 'Yea, I'd like that.'"

Mr. Milne had always thought of teaching in Native communities in Northern British Columbia, and decided to apply for jobs in Northern Ontario and the Northwest Territories, which responded first to his offer. Never mind that now the Milnes had two young children – they'd just all go along for the adventure.

"It was youthful idealism, too – you want to do something good for people," remembers Mrs. Milne. "I was 26 then and 56 now. You're so different when you're 26; you can do anything. I was excited and prepared for anything. My mother thought it was a disastrous thing."

On their arrival in Payne Bay, now called Kangirsuk in Arctic Bay, the entire village came out to greet the new arrivals. "I shook what felt like 500 hands and there were only 200 people. We got a great welcome."

None of the villagers spoke English and as they all walked towards their new home, the missionary's wife said "So what do you think of Payne Bay?" Mr. Milne replied "It's a bit of a godforsaken place," and upon realizing who he was talking to, they all started laughing.

Their luggage didn't arrive for a couple of months and their luggage contained all their winter clothes. Luckily they were able to gather what they needed before the cold weather set in; learning the language would take a bit longer.

It wasn't long before Mrs. Milne became pregnant again, only this time she had problems that required medical attention, and medical attention was a long plane ride away. "It was such an adventure going out and coming back," she says, marvelling at her youthful adaptability.

Although most teachers stayed for only two years, the Milnes were in Arctic Bay for five years, and 15 months in Povungnituk. "I liked the people and the culture. And they certainly valued young children a lot – they were with you all the time. I liked the fact that people were very accepting of individual differences."

When they decided to leave in 1973, they talked to Mr. Milne's brother, who was a teacher at the Browndale school in Stanhope. This prompted them to move to Eagle Lake, where their fourth child was born in 1974. Mr. Milne got a job in the school system – he retired last year – and she taught music before continuing on with her own education.

And so it was that last spring, it was her turn to come home and say "What do you think about moving up north?"

"I thought I might want to go back there (to work as a priest) but I needed to know if I could live there and my type of ministry was appropriate. I didn't want to go blindly," she says of her decision to do her internship at Pangnirtung and Broughton Island last summer.

When they arrived in June, most of the lay readers were out on the land hunting and fishing so there was no one to act as translator, which created a bit of stress for an already nervous Mrs. Milne. She and Jim stayed in Pangnirtung for the month of June, went to Broughton Island for July and upon returning to Pangnirtung in August, found the reception to be much warmer. "People opened up to me and I think it's because I went back. I was finding out more about the lives of people and I was encouraged by some of the ministry I was able to do."

When she became a deacon in a ceremony at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton this past fall, the Bishop of the Arctic officiated, a sign of support and encouragement for her decision to return to the most northern diocese.

Of course, to most "southerners", their biggest concern isn't how she's going to fare with such a challenging new language, but how she's going to survive the cold and long winter nights.

"It's cold here," she responds. "Haliburton's so close to Toronto but it feels more like the Arctic. And what's cold? Human beings are adaptable – they put on warm clothes and turn on the lights."

Adaptability certainly seems to be a skill Maggie Milne has practised until it's a fine art. It suggests an ability to change – change opinions, change behaviours, and change directions. Yet there's been nothing since her decision to steer off the more regular track of life to make her think that it isn't worth it.

Direct lines can help people who need government services

MPP QUEEN'S PARK REPORT

Chris Hodgson

QUITE OFTEN, my office gets calls from people trying to find the direct phone number for a particular government service.

We are always happy to help and I would like to use this opportunity to extend that help to a wider audience. What follows is a list of some important phone numbers for various Ontario government services.

Ministry of Health

• Health Information Centre Info Line 1-800-268-1153

Public information officers are available to answer questions on a variety of health related topics including health cards, OHIP coverage, health card fraud, Ontario Drug Benefits, Trillium, Ministry of Health publications and acts. They can also provide assistance with address changes for health cards.

• Health Care Consent Act Info Line 1-800-461-2036

• Assistive Devices Program 1-800-268-6021

This program is designed to help people who have long-term physical disabilities get needed equipment and supplies. Twelve categories of equipment are covered by ADP: communications devices, diabetes supplies, enteral feeding supplies, hearing aids, home oxygen, incontinence supplies, orthotic devices, ostomy supplies, prosthetic devices, respiratory devices, visual devices, mobility devices.

• Ontario Drug Benefits 416-327-8109

Members of the public can call this number to find out which drugs are covered for those who are ODB eligible.

• Trillium Drug Program 1-800-575-5386

This program is available to all Ontarians, except for seniors and those on social assistance with drug cards, who have high drug costs. Trillium staff can answer questions relating to applications and reimbursements.

Attorney General

For those who are experiencing difficulties or problems with the court system.

• Victim/Witness Assistance Program 416-326-2429

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Auto Insurance

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Seniors take to the ICE

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

LIKE MANY of the other people who gather at the Haliburton Curling Club four days a week, Chester Howse is giving a new definition to the word "retired."

"I haven't got time to get old – I'm too busy," says the soon-to-be-60-year-old president of the Haliburton Seniors Curling Club. When he was a manager with DeHavilland aircraft, he didn't have any outside interests except coming to the cottage at Percy Lake. Now that he and his wife Shirley converted the cottage into their retirement home, "I'm a curler, a golfer and vice-president of the Haliburton Legion."

"If you told people in the city that 75-year-old people were on the ice at eight in the morning, they'd think you're crazy. But that's what amazed me the most when we moved here," says his wife, who was the one who encouraged her husband to try curling for the first time in his life back in 1993.

Even a few people in their eighties have been known to pick up a broom and a rock once a week. Asked his age, curler Nick Nimigon says he turned 81 a few months ago. When the response is a bit incredulous, he retorts "What do you mean 'No'? I was there."

Mr. Nimigon was a member of the club when Tom Stinson started it in 1981, and he still loves to come for his weekly games, especially now that his wife is in Extendicare. "The biggest part I like is meeting the people," he says. "I like the curling but I'm not interested in whether I win or lose. It's the companionship."

Whether you've lived in Haliburton for a long time, such as Mr. Nimigon who started his early married life here, or you're like the Howses and are fairly recent transplants from the city, joining the curling club is becoming an increasingly popular way of putting through the winter and making new friends for the entire year. The seniors club now has 160 members and its social functions can be so large, they have to rent the Legion auditorium to make sure everyone can fit.

"We have a great cross section of people from all different professions," says Mr. Howse of the membership. "The majority are just like me, retired from the city and they're out to get some exercise and enjoy the social aspects... It's important that we provide a place for people to come and have fun."

On Mondays and Thursdays, there's mixed (men and women) curling all day; Wednesday morning it's ladies curling; and Friday morning it's the men's turn. To join seniors curling, women must be at least 50 years old, and men 55. (The "regular", non-senior curlers curl at night and they share the use of the club for weekend bonspiels.) Many curlers bring a lunch, or stay for a bowl of soup or a coffee after their games.

As well as curling in the regular leagues, there are also regular interclub spiels with Minden, and a round robin series with Minden, Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon. In December there's a Christmas dinner and dance, March brings with it the Great Haliburton Challenge between the seniors and the working folk, and there's a dinner at the end of the season and a golfing fun day at the end of summer.

Although there is a curling club manager, Wayne DeJong, all of the other activities are run by volunteers, who are never in short supply. As soon as Mr. Howse says someone is needed to help, there's somebody at the ready, willing to contribute to the convivial atmosphere.

Many members don't know how to curl until they sign up. An instructional day is offered at the beginning of the season since "we try to get them off on the right foot." (That means learning that special step-and-glide manoeuvre that gets you up and down the ice without falling.) Mr. Howse recently brought in an instructor from Peterborough and her assistant for a one-day clinic. It was so successful, even among the more experienced curlers, that he might ask them back in the new year.

Some curlers are as competitive about the game as they were about their careers, but for those such as Mr. Nimigon, winning or losing doesn't matter as long as you have fun doing it. The teams sometimes consist of husbands and wives, who sometimes spice up the competition by going on opposing teams. This leads to a lot of fun-hearted rivalry on the ice but doesn't put a chill on any marriage.

"This is the type of thing people who are retiring look for – curling, golf, and hospitals, of course. We're pumping a lot of money into the community," says Mr. Howse, who prefers the drive up and down the hills from Percy Lake to his former 30-year commute along the 401. "I don't see many cars on the Percy Lake Freeway."

The cost of membership is very reasonable, and quite low compared to other clubs, he says. For the next few years, however, there is an additional $25 surcharge per curler per year to help pay for the new ice plant, which was installed in August.

"The one that was in here was 30 years old. I can't believe it made it that long," Mr. Howse says of the need for the replacement. The two Haliburton clubs held a joint executive meeting and agreed to get quotes on a new ice plant. When the price came in at $79,5000, the municipality of Dysart et al was approached. Thanks to the municipality's affordable interest rate, the purchase could be made, and most fundraising activities for the next little while will go towards paying down the loan. None of the members objected to the $25 surcharge until the new plant is paid for, either.

"Hopefully we'll have curling in Haliburton for many years to come," says Mr. Howse. "This is a good building, too. We're lucky I think."

Judging by the large membership, at least 160 other people in the Haliburton area would heartily agree with him.

The comradeship is as important as the game at the Haliburton Seniors Curling Club, which now has 160 members. In the top photo, Gerry Dawson and Grenville Griffin watch the action. In the above left photo, 81-year-old Nick Nimigon, one of the oldest curlers, sets up his shot while Betty Hicks and Ila Griffin wait for instructions from their skip, above right

CRUISE, CARVE IT, LOVE IT: This is one of the busiest weeks at Sir Sam's Ski Area at Eagle Lake as residents and cottagers take advantage of the school break to take a few runs down the hills. Snowboarding is available on all runs, much to the delight of the growing number of afficionados.

Coboconk area couples celebrate anniversaries

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Congratulations to Gord and June Foster who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Congratulations to Gordon and Irene Henry who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the Fenelon Township Community Centre at Cambray on December 20.

Sympathy goes out to the family of the late Elva Hannivan who passed away recently and the family of the late James Laidlaw.

A number of people from the area attended the election of the new Victoria C ounty Warden in Lindsay last week. John Macklem, the reeve of Digby Laxton and Longford, was elected new warden. Congratulations.

We offer our sympathy to the family of the late Muriel Young. The wife of Donald Young was a long time Head Lake resident until they moved to Rosedale a couple of years ago.

Pastor Jeff Hannesse was inducted in a ceremony at Faith Tabernacle recently by district Presbyter, Rev. Winston Cross.

Jack Barkwell of the Bowmanville area was a recent visitor of his sister Betty Davey at Norland. Laurie Campbell, who with her husband Pastor David Campbell and family moved out to Yorkton, Saskatchewan last May, returned back here to visit her friends and also visited Dwayne and Laurie Lloyd at Haliburton.

A former Bexley resident, Frank Armstrong, a retired O.P.P. officer passed away recently in Ross Memorial Hospital. Sympathy goes out to the family.

Dennis and Norma Stewart had a pleasant surprise recently when 25 to 30 of their friends surprised them with a house warming at their Bexley home.

Congratulations to Gordon and Ann Lecraw who celebrated their 40th anniversary recently. Ann (Povey) was a neighbour many years ago.

Christmas parties are keeping everyone well fed these days. The staff and management at Coffee Junction had their Christmas celebration at Carmel's in Lindsay on Tuesday evening.

The Girl Guides had their Christmas party at Ridgewood School in the music room with leaders Betty Silverstone and Christine Cole. And Ken and Lorraine Russell from Russell's Garage treated their staff to Christmas dinner this week.

Seniors may form local organization

by RUTH STILL

As 1997 draws to a close, the vision of the strategic planning committee of the summer moves closer to action.

George Hamilton of the county steering committee and chairperson of seniors' concerns, convened a meeting on December 17 at the Dysart council chambers in Haliburton.

It is hoped that the many seniors groups in the county, from cottage groups to curling clubs, can be united into one representative group, "The Association of Retired Persons".

Present were: Russ Fair, Minden Legion and Curling Club; Ron Barr, Gooderham Senior Club 50+; Chester House, Haliburton Curling Club; Percy McBain, 50+ Club of the Haliburton Legion; Estelle Burch, Minden Seniors; Jock Mavor, one of three county council representatives; and Ruth Still, volunteer with Haliburton County Home Support Services.

When seniors' groups from more outlying areas can be represented, another meeting will be held early in the new year to set up a county organization.

Awareness of Elder Abuse as a growing concern is evidenced by the information we are now receiving.

As the next step, a meeting is planned for January 8, 1998 at Haliburton County Home Support Services, locate din the Echo Hills Legion Apartment Building on the corner of Robertson Road and Eastern Avenue in Haliburton, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Invitations have gone out to 31 service provider organizations who have contact with seniors, including the O.P.P. and legal counsel.

This promises to be a highly charged issue to be handled with forethought, sensitivity and determination.

If you have input, plan to attend.

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New learning centre offers local people the gift of literacy

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

There's a certain irony in Jane Selbie's appointment as the new co-ordinator of the Haliburton Highlands Learning Centre.

Several years ago, she was in charge of Haliburton's employment centre when a woman came in looking for employment information. After finding out what was available, the woman asked where the county's literacy centre was. Selbie was embarrassed to have to tell her there wasn't one. After all, in her day-to-day dealings with people, Selbie had made many observations about how hard it is to find work when you can't even start by reading the Help Wanteds.

A short time later, Selbie received information about the John Howard Society of Victoria/Haliburton, which had a mandate to provide literacy training. The Society had a centre in Lindsay, and was responsible for the Highlands, so Selbie and a group of other concerned citizens put together an application to have the Society open a centre here.

Funding came through to rent office space and hire a local co-ordinator for one day a week, and Barbara Nangle was chosen as the person to nurse the centre through its infancy and adolescence (which included changing the name from literacy centre to learning centre.)

By the time last summer when Nangle decided to devote herself to full-time theology studies, Selbie was looking for part time work. As part of all the changes at the employment centre, which is now run in conjunction with Sir Sandford Fleming College and the county's social services department, Selbie's job had been reduced to part-time.

The opening for the learning centre's co-ordinator position was heaven-sent because Selbie had always had such a strong attachment to the centre. Not only had she helped get it opened, but she had remained actively involved and also donated some of her art for fundraising raffles.

"I feel like I'm at home," she said recently during her first week as co-ordinator.

She's working two half days a week – Thursday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – and couldn't be happier to be so closely involved with a project she so strongly believes in.

It's more important than ever to be able to read. For instance, recently the province introduced new rules about getting a licence for such things as bricklaying and chainsaw operation. Someone who had handled a chainsaw for 20 years now had to be able to take a test to get the licence. How could they take the test if they couldn't read and didn't feel confident enough to ask that the test be given verbally?

Students who have problems learning how to read and don't feel successful, often start acting up in school and quit, finding themselves in an economy that doesn't have much to offer people with few skills. "They get trapped in all these subtle reasons why they won't have a future without a big struggle," Selbie says.

With funding changes, places such as the employment centre rely more on self-help. People are expected to come in and read the kiosk or find out electronically what jobs are available. If they can't read, how do they know who's looking for help?

"Statistics show that people who don't have these skills are in a certain learning ghetto," Selbie says. "It begins with how do they find a job? Other than word of mouth, they're cut off. On the job, the accident rates are higher – they can't know the instructions clearly so they're relying on how to do things from watching others, and they're vulnerable."

Many older people quit school early to earn a living, and now they're finding themselves caught in a changing world, she says.

These changes are reflected in the new name of the centre. In a needs study last year, the centre found that the name "literacy centre" was a barrier in itself because people just thought it was a place to teach reading, and there were sometimes negative connotations to the word literacy.

The name was changed to "learning centre" also to reflect the fact that throughout society, there's been a whole new emphasis on "lifelong learning."

"The word 'learning' indicates this is a process everyone is going through if they're a high level executive or if they're having to learn a new computer program," Selbie says.

Jane Selbie

The centre also offers instruction on such things as math skills and teaching English to new Canadians.

Not being able to read does not mean a person is stupid. In fact, Selbie points to all the tricks they've had to teach themselves to cope in a world that gives so many of its messages with words. "They have sophisticated learning mechanisms," says Selbie.

One learning aid at the centre is tape-recorded books, and Selbie sees a real need for volunteers who could do such things as record the driver's licence manual, the help wanted classifieds, or perhaps even the weekly Echo. There's an endless list of books and learning materials which could be taped locally. This is a project drama enthusiasts might want to take on, she suggests.

"We could have a really exciting library."

Volunteers to help run the office would also be appreciated. Many people think that volunteering at the centre means becoming a tutor, but there's a wide range of tasks to be performed. Selbie would like to see the office open five days a week, with volunteers filling in when she can't be there. There are also all the roles that are required to run such a low-budget operation, such as bookkeeping.

If you know someone who can benefit from the programs offered at the centre, or would like to volunteer to help, please call Selbie at the office at 457-3430. If you want to drop in, the office is located next door to Dr. Postlethwaite's dental clinic in the lower floor of the building across the street from the Haliburton liquor store.

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Seniors savour season of cheer

Santa arrives with a basket of goodies, and gets treated to carol singing

DORSET

News

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

"It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old."

The Christmas dinner party and gift exchange at the Dorset Seniors Club was lovely. The hall was beautifully decorated as well as the tables. A full course turkey dinner was enjoyed by the group and it was delicious! After a jolly Santa distributed the gifts and carols were sung, numbers were drawn by each member and the lucky ones each received an added gift which included 10 poinsettias, an old fashioned plum pudding made and donated by Mary Fitz-Gibbon, a bottle of wine and a beautiful Christmas wreath donated by Marg Moeller. Marsella McKay did a beautiful job of providing organ music of Christmas carols for the enjoyment of all. It was a lovely evening of fun and fellowship.

'What a talented group of youngsters we have in our community. They perform so well as they act out their parts.'

The Dorset seniors were once again treated to a delicious lunch at Hollow Valley Restaurant, compliments of Muskoka Home Support and many, many volunteers. Carolyn Roberto is the local volunteer organizer. She contacts the volunteer drivers, ladies to serve and do other chores. There is a token, minimal charge for the seniors. It is a great outing for many who don't have transportation of their own and this way they get to socialize with friends and neighbours that they wouldn't see for weeks or months. It's a great thing these people are doing. With so many nice people in the world, how can there be wars and troublemakers in so many parts of the world?

The Dorset Elementary School held its Christmas concert on December 18. What a talented group of youngsters we have in our community. They perform so well as they act out their parts. There was plenty of carol singing which was lovely. The teachers are to be congratulated as the results of hard work and talented inspiration was evident in the quality of the concert. Of course, Santa came along with his bag of treats which was a delight to the youngsters. The tradition of the Christmas concert at the school is a very old and forever great one.

The Dorset Lions Club had their annual Christmas dinner and meeting at their quarters at Camp Dorset with an attendance of 41. A new member, Dave Moeller, was inducted into the Club. Zone Chairman, Louis Poittras of Gravenhurst performed the induction ceremony. A delicious turkey dinner was served under the talented guiding hands of Evé Adkins. They had a good meeting, enjoyed a wonderful full course turkey and the yuletide spirit prevailed.

We have some belated birthday wishes: Karen Knutt, Jessica Reilley, Amber Ireland, Don Lillow, Rebecca Arbuckle, Rebecca Mead, Christina Debeer, Kyle Chatelain and Olga Cunningham. Happy 50th to Judy Lilliman who is a Christmas baby.

We wish Nancy and Paul Morley much happiness as they celebrate 54 years of wedded bliss. They were married on December 17, 1943. Congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happiness together.

Household Hint: If you use plastic grocery shopping bags to line your kitchen garbage can, try putting five or six, one inside the other. When the inner one is filled, remove and use the next. When the last one is used, start over. It's a good way to store extra bags, too!

P.S. I wish to thank everyone for the beautiful Christmas cards I received. I am sorry to say that I was unable to get cards out this year but I wish everyone a blessed and Merry Christmas.

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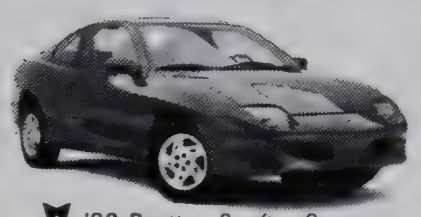

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Families rejoice in Christmas visits

WEST GUILFORD *News*

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

This might not even be considered news but I have been busy only at home so that is all I can report.

Andy, our youngest, has come home for the holiday from Halifax. I live in a glow because of this dear company.

Martha Perkins has called in with a "thank you" basket of goodies for me!

The Milnes and the Smiths (Dr. Maurice and Margaret) have each come for a Christmas tree from our bush. This is a wonderful excuse for me to entertain and present new baked goodies.

Christopher Greaves (with son Justin) has come to give Elva Cooper communion here at home. (How I delight in having a four year old around even for a few hours!)

The Osbornes, Darlene and Caitie, came with a gift for our own tree whose branches are fast becoming hidden at the bottom, so great is the accumulation which represents the love of families from the west to the east coast, from Korea to Thunder Bay ad many points closer by. How blessed we are by all of this generosity which in truth is a reflection of the love of God born in Jesus so very long ago and which continues its impact in so many lives today.

Bethany Chumbley is home for Durham College, also Jack Cowling. Tammy Moore is back from Ottawa where she attends university as well as Dawn Hebert from Fort McMurray and her brother Jon from Waterloo. Jean Morrison is home from Brock University in St. Catharines. Sarah Cowling is home from McMaster in Hamilton.

I cannot attempt to report on all of the company and family in every Guilford home. Great is the rejoicing in any home so blessed. Happy greetings to all for a wonderful season whether you gather or dine in solitary splendour to enjoy Christmas Day.

P.S. One of the unchanging beauties of the season is the sight of Holly Sisson's tall tree lit once again from top to bottom with all the festive lights.

Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE

A bylaw to declare Lots 27 and 28 Plan 405 surplus and to authorize the sale of this property to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board for the expansions of the Haliburton Hospital will be read at the Regular Meeting of Council on January 12, 1998.

D.L. McCallum
Clerk Administrator
Municipality of Dysart et al

MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et.al has by resolution declared a portion of an original road allowance between Concessions VII and VIII, in front of Part Lot 12, in the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 12, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the Original Road Allowance between Concession VII and VIII, in front of Lot 12, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1 on Plan 19R-6418, a plan of survey prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS and dated October 2, 1997, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

PLEASE NOTE that this application for road closure is being processed concurrently with an application, made to the County of Haliburton, for closure and conveyance of Part 2 and Part 3 on Plan 19R-6418.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 21st day of November 1997.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator

Corporation of the Township of Stanhope

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take Notice that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Stanhope proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 6 Concession VIII described as follows:

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The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at it's regular meeting at the Municipal Office in the Township of Stanhope on the 11th day of February, 1998 at the hour of 11:30 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated: December 22, 1997
Gerald C. Bain, A.M.C.T.
Clerk-Administrator
Township of Stanhope
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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton has by resolution declared a portion of the road right of way in Lot 12 Concession VII, in the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 21, 1998, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the road right of way in Lot 12 Concession VII, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 2 and Part 3 of reference plan 19R 6418, a plan of survey prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Limited, O.L.S., and dated October 2, 1997, being available for inspection in the Engineering Office of the County of Haliburton Administration Office in Minden, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton shall then and there hear in person or by his council, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

PLEASE NOTE that this application for road closure is being processed concurrently with an application, made to the United Townships of Dysart et al, for closure and conveyance of the Original Road Allowance between Concessions VII and VIII in front of Lot 12, being Part 1 of reference plan 19R 6418.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Engineering Department at the County of Haliburton Administration Office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday).

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Christmas events delightful

Music abounds as school, churches celebrate the holiday season

WILBERFORCE
News

Hilda Clark

Among the many Christmas programs and celebrations this year, the Wilberforce School Concert was special. To a packed hall of appreciative families and friends, all of the numbers were well presented and well received. Surrounded by large painted murals on the stage and hall walls, everyone in all the classes was included. All could be seen and heard. Simple but delightful costumes and props, lots of musical songs and dances and well spoken announcers, Audrina Townsend and Gavin Swan, made it a fine program that helped establish that "Christmas Isn't Christmas 'Till It's Christmas In Your Heart".

St. Margaret's Anglican Church was the setting for a wonderful evening of music on Thursday, December 18 when Bill Gliddon and the extended St. George's Choir sang their Christmas Cantata. This presentation of the Christmas story in music, song and word was a highlight of the season for all in attendance.

On Sunday, December 21, the Annual Community Carol Service took place at the United Church and a very community event it was. Readers of lessons and a large choir involved people from across the community and from different churches. Under director Elsie Lewis, the choir presented several anthems and led the full house in familiar carols.

The same evening, the Harcourt Chapel's Carol Service was a joyous occasion. Carollers from the Chapel later in the week made the rounds to homes, singing to shut-ins and others, cheering them tremendously.

Sympathy of the community is extended to the family of Peggy McCrae who passed away quite unexpectedly. Peggy, a loving mother and grandmother and a good neighbour, will be missed very much.

Eileen Agnew reports that $305 has been given to the Monmouth Volunteer Firemen from B.E.A.R. (Bay Enjoy and Return). People donate books, mostly paperbacks, which are piled on some shelves by the pot office. For a small amount ($0.25), a book can be rented (bought), read and returned. Thanks to those who donate, borrow and read!

In the week before holidays, students of the week were: Chace English, Kindergarten; Jamie Ruddell, Grade 1; Julian Forget, Grade 2; Adam DeCarlo, Grades 3/4; and Stephanie DeCarlo, Grades 5/6.

Ms Taylor and her Grade 1's and the 3/4 class of Mrs. Hagerman and Mrs. Benoit enjoyed Christmas visits to the Historic Red Cross Outpost Museum. In a presentation by Hilda Clark and Ken Sanderson, they learned a little about the significance of the building and about early Christmas decorations and cards.

Attention all would-be-actors! Auditions to cast the next play will be held at the Loop Troupe's first meeting of 1998 at the Lloyd Watson Centre, Wednesday, January 7 at 7 p.m. If you are interested in theatre, do come out.

There are several characters varying in age from 20 to 80 in "Gone To Glory". Doug Brohm from the Highlands Little Theatre has kindly agreed to direct this play. For a copy of the script, check with Cathy Agnew at the store or with President Flo Elliott.

Adult skating resumes on Thursday, January 8 at 11 a.m. All the best to you for a happy 1998!

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January 8,	**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** for all who have been bereaved, 2:00 - 4:00pm in Lindsay. For information call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811
January 8	**L.I.F.T.** at West Guilford Baptist Church Special Feature: Rosie Kadwell "Heart Smart Eating", Information contact Alice 754-2808
January 25	**SINGER/SONGWRITER "RONNO" AND "LUNCHBAG LIZARD"** at the Haliburton Legion at 2:00p.m. To order tickets call the Haliburton Count y Children's Concert Series 457-3414

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120 PETS

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210 HELP WANTED

Happy Holidays from the staff at the Fleming, Haliburton County Employment Resource Centre. Holiday hours are: CLOSED Dec. 24 at 12 noon, all day on Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1. All other days open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Plan some learning in the New Year. Starting in January: Job Finding Club (3 weeks), Workshops on Career Planning, Resumes, The Hidden Job Market, Interview Skills, Entrepreneurship Course (Feb.). Call us for details 457–2020. **CA**

210 HELP WANTED

THE DOMAIN OF KILLIEN has a secretarial position available for an adult, computer literate person. The successful candidate will also be required to assist at the front desk, dealing with guests, reservations and telephone enquiries. This position is part-time. Please phone Mr. Jean-Edouard de Marenches, Innkeeper at (705) 457–1100 or mail your resume to Box 810, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. **CA**

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K0M 1S0

NURSING JOB FAIR

Kawartha Quality Care Inc., a growing company providing Nursing and Homemaking services in Peterborough, Victoria and Northumberland counties, is seeking qualified **Registered Nurses (RNs) and Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs)** to work with us in the delivery of community nursing services focused on the needs of our clients and their families. RNs and RPNs will be responsible for their practice in accordance with the Standards of Practice by the College of Nurses of Ontario and company policies and procedures utilizing the principles of Quality Management and Continuous Quality Improvement strategies.
We are seeking dedicated professionals who are focused on providing care in a responsive and flexible manner who thrive in an environment where team skills are essential yet expectations for the ability to function independently is needed. Nurses are required for rural and urban locations.

If you have:
- a current license to practice with the College of Nurses of Ontario
- a valid drivers license with reliable transportation
- two years recent hospital experience in-an acute care facility
- demonstrated knowledge and experience in applying the nursing process
- demonstrated oral and written communication skills
- ability to supply adult teaching and learning principles based on outcomes
- demonstrated knowledge and/or experience in Quality Management principles and practices

Preference will be given to nurses:
- with current Community Health Nursing Experience
- current experience and certification in providing specialized nursing procedures
- a broad range of nursing experience including one or more of the following: mental health, paediatrics, oncology, maternal/newborn care, wound care, med/surgical, cardiac care, ICU/Emerg and geriatric nursing
- leadership training

Primary Care Nurses
In addition, Kawartha Quality Care Inc. is seeking Primary Care Nurses (PCNs) for Peterborough, Victoria and Northumberland counties who will report to the Director of Nursing. PCNs will provide leadership, coaching and mentoring to their assigned nursing team through the effective management of nursing services in accordance with the company policies, procedures and the Standards of Practice with the College of Nurses of Ontario incorporating the principles of Quality Management.

Primary Care Nurses will have, in addition to our RN qualifications:
- a BScN and/or related experience
- community health nursing experience
- related management experience in supervising, performance management and providing leadership to health care professionals

LOCATION: Lions Centre, 347 Burnham St., Peterborough, ON
DATE: Saturday, January 10, 1998
TIME: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

All interested applicants for RN, RPN and Primary Care Nurse positions are asked to please bring a letter of application noting the County in which you would prefer to work, a resume outlining your skills and experiences related to the above qualifications and the names, addresses and phone numbers of three work-related references.

Kawartha Quality Care Inc. is an equal opportunity employer. We thank you for considering Kawartha Quality Care Inc. for future employment opportunities. All applications received in person on Saturday, January 10, 1998 will be responded to.

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All infants welcome.
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Haliburton and Area Acquired Brain Injury Drop-In is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Police Association Building. For more information call Cherlyn Greig at 705-741-1172 or Nancy Pettit at 457-1600. CA

310 NOTICES

STEP-IT FITNESS CLUB – Classes start Jan. 5. Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 5:15 p.m. Step aerobics and resistance training. Have fun and get fit. Call 457–1052. Ontario Fitness Council Certified Fitness Leaders, Shawn Hagerman and Suzanne Gonsalves. CA

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310 NOTICES

DOG TRAINING IN HALIBURTON
Anyone interested in attending a basic obedience class in January 1998, please call Chiefstar Kennels at (613) 332–1562.

320 PERSONAL

1-800-433-3284 for recorded messages about the Baha'i Faith, its teachings, and perspectives on social issues. For local information, 754–2493. CA

DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE WHO ABUSES ALCOHOL? Alanon Family Group welcomes you. Call 286–3082.

DO YOU WANT TO STOP DRINKING? Alcoholics Anonymous may be able to help. Call 754-4428, 457-1815 or 286-2587.

330 THANK YOU

The family of the late Dr. James Tapp wish to thank our friends, neighbours and so many of his dear patients that have expressed their sympathy and condolences to us in our bereavement of our dear husband, father and loved one. The donations made to the Salvation Army and Scott Mission in honour of his memory are greatly appreciated. **Irene, Miles, Jocelyn and son-in-law Scott.**

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
Passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness at Extendicare Nursing Home, Haliburton on Thursday, December 25, 1997 in his 80th year
GORDON WILFRED SHARPLESS
Beloved husband of Lorena of Haliburton, loving father of Marilynn (Don), Sheila, Tim (Kim), Andrew (Nelda). Grandfather of nine grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Survived by his brother Reginald Sharpless. Friends visited the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden on Friday. Funeral service was held in the Chapel on Saturday, December 27. Spring interment Gelert Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Gideon Bibles or the Alzheimers Society would be appreciated by the family. CA

AT REST
Sudenly at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, Toronto on Saturday, December 27, 1997 at the age of 25
ROBERT (BOB) JAMES SYLVESTER CRAFTCHICK
Beloved son of Norma Parnell and Mike Craftchick, dear brother of Cathy and Peter, Rick and Tracy, Ronnie and Jamie, grandmother Frances Craftchick. Lovingly remembered by his girlfriend Pam, his many aunts, uncles, cousins, niece (Cheyenne), nephew (Peter) and his many friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday. Funeral service in the Chapel on Wednesday, December 31 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Gooderham Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre would be appreciated by the family. CA

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
At Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, December 23, 1997 in his 70th year
THOMAS KIRKPATRICK
(Owner of Kirkpatrick Tire)
Beloved husband of Gladys Smith. Loving father of Judy (Mrs. Joe Bonnici) of Richmond Hill, Debbie (Mrs. John Mashinter) of Aurora, Connie (Mrs. Donald Copplestone) of Etobicoke, Dennis (Tom) and his wife Bonnie of Angus, Steven and his wife Susan of Haliburton and Roger and his wife Mirjam of Oshawa. Fondly remembered by his 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Predeceased by his sisters Thelma, Dorothy, Bernice and brothers Harold and Ronald. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton on Friday, December 26. Then to St. George's Anglican Church, Mountain Street, Haliburton for funeral service on Saturday, December 27. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highland Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) or the Victorian Order of Nurses would be appreciated by the family. CA

400 IN MEMORIAM

WOOD, NORMA L. – In loving memory of Norma who passed away December 28, 1995.
You had a smile for everyone
You had a heart of gold,
You left the greatest memories
That we could ever hold.
To us you were so special
And we say a little prayer
For in our hearts you are in God's loving care.
Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by **Wendell, Deborah, Diane, David and families.**

DAVIDSON, ARCHIE – In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away December 30, 1991
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we will never part
God has you in His keeping
We have you in our hearts.
Ever remembered, **Mildred and family.**

DUNCAN, TED – In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away December 30, 1994
Those whom we love go out of sight,
But never out of mind;
They are cherished in the hearts
Of those they leave behind.
Loving and kind in all his ways,
Upright and just to the end of his days;
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories he left behind.
Sadly missed by **his family.**

410 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the estate of
HAZEL JANET ANGUS
deceased
All persons having claims against the Estate of HAZEL JANET ANGUS late of the Township of Monmouth, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 7th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of

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which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executrix of the Estate of Hazel Janet Angus. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the estate of
JOHN (JACK) MURRAY AUSTIN
deceased
All persons having claims against the Estate of JOHN (JACK) MURRAY AUSTIN late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 20th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of John (Jack) Murray Austin. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the estate of
FREDERICK NORVAL COOPER
deceased
All persons having claims against the Estate of FREDERICK NORVAL COOPER late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 2nd day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Frederick Norval Cooper. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the estate of
WILLIAM RUSSELL CRAWFORD
deceased
All persons having claims against the Estate of WILLIAM RUSSELL CRAWFORD late of the Township of Anson, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 16th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of William Russell Crawford. CA

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the estate of
VIVIAN DOVELL
deceased
All persons having claims against the Estate of VIVIAN DOVELL late of the Township of Glamorgan, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 30th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Vivian Dovell. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the estate of
NICHOLAS GEORGE
deceased
All persons having claims against the Estate of nicholas george late of the Township of Snowdon, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 1st day of September, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executrix of the Estate of Nicholas George. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the estate of
ANNIE GRAHAM
deceased
All persons having claims against the Estate of ANNIE GRAHAM late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 4th day of December, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice. Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executrix of the Estate of Annie Graham. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the estate of
JOHN CLAYTON MASON
deceased
All persons having claims against the Estate of JOHN CLAYTON MASON late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 26th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of John Clayton Mason. CA

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In the estate of
FLORENCE MURIEL ROBINSON
deceased
All persons having claims against the Estate of FLORENCE MURIEL ROBINSON late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 2nd day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of Florence Muriel Robinson. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the estate of
RUBY ENID SCHMIDT
deceased
All persons having claims against the Estate of RUBY ENID SCHMIDT late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 12th day of October, 1997, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of January, 1998 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
Dated at Minden, Ontario this 12th day of December, 1997 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Ruby Enid Schmidt. CA

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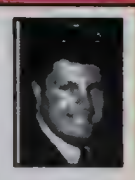

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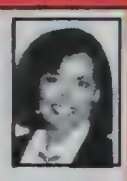

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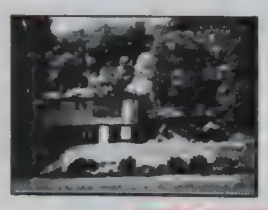

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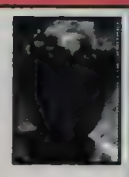

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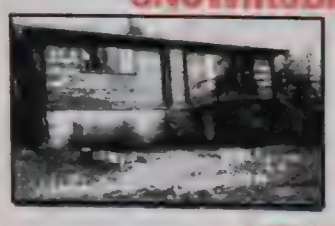

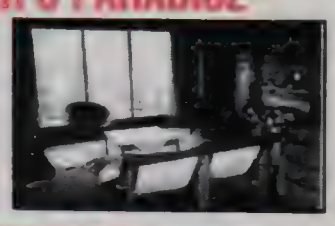

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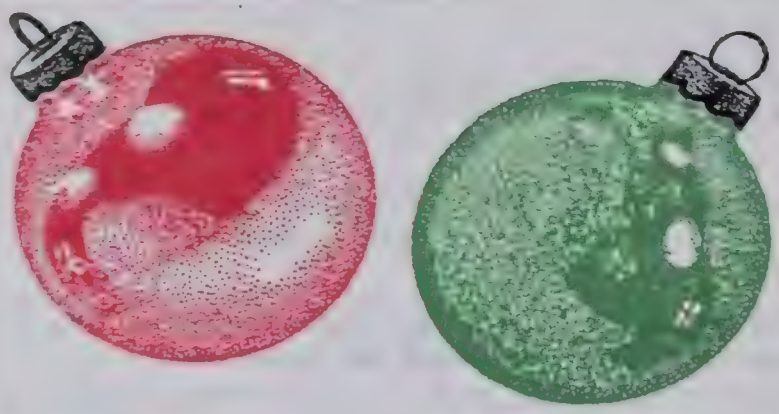
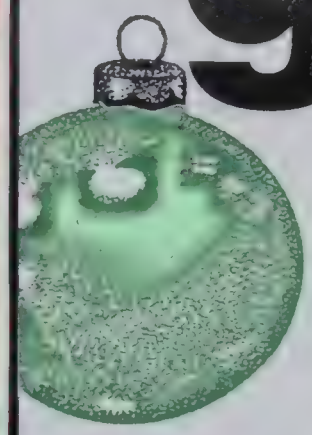
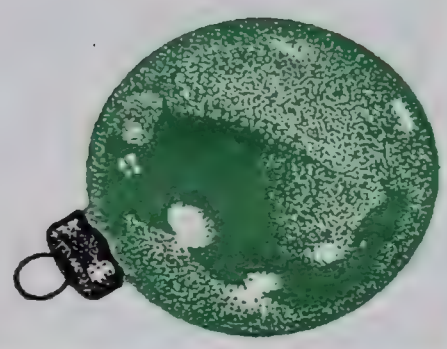


The business people of Haliburton County extend

season's greetings

and their warmest wishes for the holidays!





A section of the HALIBURTON COUNTY ECHO

Children help us rekindle the magic of Christmas

No matter how hectic our lives may be, no matter what burdens we bear or stresses we endure, there is a season of the year that encourages us to seek peace in ourselves and find joy in the love of others. Christmas is a time to reflect on the goodness and plenty that surround us. It is a time to appreciate the importance family and friends, to share warm thoughts and the simple pleasures of good food and hearty laughter. It is a time, too, when the bright smiles and infectious excitment of children remind us that joy and wonder and love are the essence of our humanity. In this special section of The Echo you'll find season's greetings and messages of goodwill from local businesses and organizations, as well as stories and artwork created by area schoolchildren. We hope that as you browse among these pages you'll find many reasons to smile!

Warmest Greetings!

May holiday joy warm your heart and home.
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May the many blessings of the season shine upon you and yours throughout the year. Peace be with you always.

MASTER'S BOOK STORE

Kathy & Connie

Season's Greetings

from Chris Hodgson & Family

Along with my family, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who have lent their support during my term as Warden of Haliburton County.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Chris Hodgson

Marie, Chris, Cody, Clayton

'What Christmas means to me...'

Carly Nice
Gr. 8, Cardiff School

To me Christmas is remembering the birth of Christ, the little baby boy named Jesus who was born in a stable in a little town called Bethlehem. If it wasn't for this precious child Christmas would not even exist.

Christmas is the lovely smell of turkey, ham, plum pudding, turnip and potatoes filling your household.

Christmas is being with family decorating your tree and home.

Christmas is listening to the Christmas carols being sung by choirs or even gathering with your family around the tree to sing.

Christmas is a special time of year for chidlren. I like to see their faces light up Christmas eve wondering what Santa's going to bring them.

Christmas is a time of year for showing a tremendous amount of love for each other, we show this by giving gifts, showing kindness and doing good deeds to others. This is what Christmas means to me.

Darryl Naulls
Gr. 7, Cardiff School

For me, Chistmas is the best time of the year. The decorations, the snow and the getting together with friends and relatives that you haven't seen for a long time makes this a fun time for me. The laughter, the happiness, the giving of gifts and the Christmas tree is all part of the Christmas season. I love getting the Christmas tree and decorating it with beautiful ornaments and lights.

Another enjoyable part of Christmas is the Christmas dinner. Eating the turkey, the cranberry sauce, and the fancy desserts, along with everybody talking and laughing makes Christmas a happy time.

There are many different Christmas songs like, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Silent Night, Jingle Bells and Frosty the Snowman.

There are also many Christmas television programs that I like to watch.

A Christmas drink for me is eggnog. I love it.

When Christmas comes we get a week off of school to stay at home or go away for Christmas.

On Christmas morning we usually get up early, open our stockings and then our gifts. Everyone always has a smile on their face Christmas morning.

Sometimes we go to my grandma's and grandpa's on Boxing Day.

Christmas is a great day for everyone in my family.

Perry Belekowkias
Gr. ?, Cardiff School

Christmas is when much happiness and giving is shared all around the world.

Christmas means people singing carols on the streets, families singing carols in there homes and in churches.

Christmas means putting up decorations and lights on our lawns and in our homes.

Christmas is when we put up Christmas trees and receive gifts under it and in our stockings.

Christmas is when we have a delicious Christmas dinner with turkey, potatoes, and corn, salades and tasty desserts, such as cake.

Christmas means to watch Christmas shows on television with your family.

Most of all Christmas means the birth of Christ.

Ian Greaves
Gr. 7, Cardiff School

To me Christmas is a time of joy, love, gifts and a time to visit family or friends. On Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ. To celebrate we decorate. We decorate doors, trees, walls and our homes. We sing carols, and

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NOEL

When Christmas approaches, we turn our thoughts to you, our dear friends and patrons. We send you our heartfelt blessings and our hopes for renewed togetherness among all of nature's creations throughout the world. Thank you for your ever-loyal support and friendship.

from all the members of

THE HALIBURTON COUNTY HOMEBUILDERS ASSOCIATION

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send cards and gifts to family or friends that we cannot visit. The main event at Christmas is the birth of Christ. Some people think Santa Claus or Saint Nicholas who gives us gifts on the night of Christmas Eve is the most important, fun part. Some families put cookies and milk out for Santa. But Christmas is good in other ways too. Kids get two weeks off school and get lots of new toys, clothes, or other useful items from family. Christmas is fun for everyone because of all the happiness, friendship , love that is shared.

'Christmas is fun because of all the love that is shared'

CHRISTMAS IN MY FAMILY

Ryan Stevens
Gr. 8, Cardiff School

Christmas in my family is a loving and sharing time. I usually get together with my grandma and grandpa Hartung two or three days before Christmas. On Christmas day I go to my grandma Stevens house.

When we go to my grandma and grandpa Hartung's house we have special ceromonies because they are from Germany. At seven o'clock they light a big candle and several little ones on the Christmas tree. Then we hand out one gift to each person until all the presents are gone.

Christmas at my grandma Stevens is totally different. Christmas there is having a big feast with all the family members that can make it to her house. The food is usually turkey or ham, beets, cauliflower and broccoli. We have pumpkin pie for dessert.

We also have a Christmas with just my parents and I. My mother, makes dishes with candies and nuts. Before we open our presents we take thirty seconds to a minute to remember Jesus Christ.

Laura Evans
Gr. 8, Cardiff School

Christmas to me is getting together with the family and going to get a Christmas tree for our home. It's also baking cookies, pies with my mom and sister.

Exchanging cards and gifts with family members and other

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Good Tidings

May Christmas lighten your hearts and brighten your spirits!

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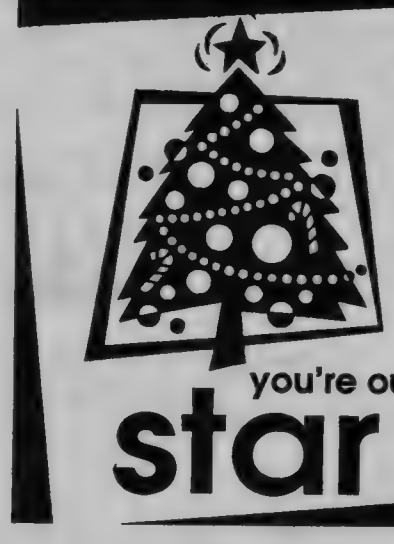

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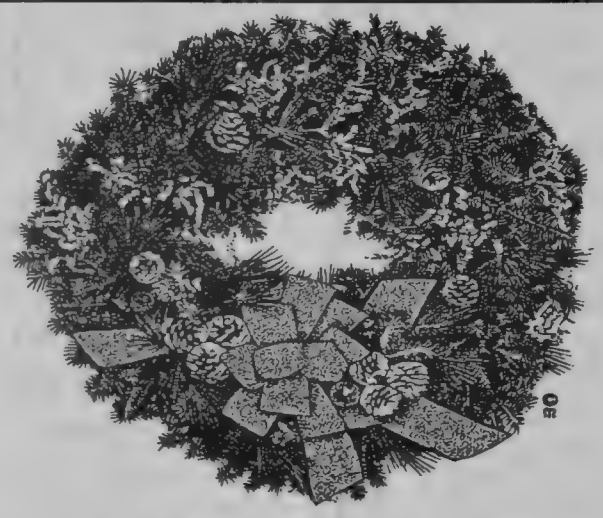

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Christmas Day is near,
The time of joy and cheer.
Now all that's left to do,
Is thank each and every one of you!

THE KITCHEN SHOP

FOR THE FINAL TOUCH...

We'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.
You're a real star to us!

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'Having fun with family is the best present there could be', says JDHES student

people is Christmas too. Christmas is a cheerful season

TO THE EDITOR
Trevor Moore
8B JDHES

If the Government thinks it's wise,
For us to get no prize,
Or presents during the Christmas season,
I think they're silly, and here's my reason.
Our economy's too low,
To throw our money out in the snow.
Instead of spending it like usual in the store
To stay in school, without Christmas, would be a bore.
Christmas is a time for love,
To think of a Babe sent from above
To give a present for all to share
Just to take some time to care.
Christmas is a time for joy,
For kids to get their favorite toy.
To wait for Santa all night long,
To go off carolling your favorite song.
At Christmas time you should be with friends,
Eating Christmas Cobler and turkey ends.
For having fun with family,
Is the best Christmas present there could be.

Giving gifts, and love

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when you sing Christmas carols and play Christmas music.

It's also a time when one writes to a pen pal to wish him or her a Merry Christmas.

Christmas is a fun season. You get to help decorate the tree and house.

On Christmas Eve our family leaves milk and cookies out for Santa Claus and go to bed excited. In the morning we wake up and run down the stairs to see what was left.

If it wasn't for Christ there could not be a Christmas. This is the time to remember his birth.

Christmas means something to everybody even if they don't show it.

My favourite part of Christmas is giving gifts and love to family and friends.

BEST CHRISTMAS!

Cheryl Mosely
8B JDHES

Mom, look, it's snowing out!" I cried to my mother while waking her up. My mom woke up almost instantly. It had been a cold night and I could tell she hadn't slept well.

My name is Charity Herby and I am thirteen years old.

"Merry Christmas," my mom said to me struggling up to her feet. "It looks beautiful out here. I'm just sorry you had to experience your 13th Christmas like this one. You know it was a really hard year," she continued, "please forgive me." I saw a tear trickle down her cheek.

You see, my mom and I live behind a real fancy restaurant, and feed off of their throw aways. Our home is nothing more than two blankets, the hard ground as our bed and an umbrella to cover our heads. We've been living like this for almost seven months now.

I ran to my mom and gave her a hug. "I know, it's okay," I told her. Just as we were going to go for a walk a boy who was in my class last year, before I had to leave and get a job, came walking over to us.

His name was Greg McCalister and was really wealthy. That was the most I could remember about him. My mom and his mom were friends for awhile and I knew my mom missed talking with Mrs. McCalister.

"Hi Charity, Mrs. Herby," Greg said to us. "Merry Christmas."

"Merry Christmas, Greg, by the way how's your mom?" my mom asked.

"She's okay. Speaking of my mom, she and I were wondering if you'd like to have Christmas dinner with us? She missed talking with you, Mrs. Herby."

Mom looked at me and I looked at her. "Oh, Greg, that would be nice, but are you sure?" she asked.

"We're sure. Come on."

Mrs. McCalister and my mom were getting along great and so were Greg and I. Mrs. McCalister and her maid Ms. Jill helped fix my mom and I up.

"Thank you so much Jacklyn for supper," my mom said to

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HALLELUJAH!

At this special time of year, we offer our thanks and join with you in celebrating the birth of our Savior.
May the gift of His love fill your home and heart this holiday season.

from the
management & staff of

GLEN SHARPLEY SPORTS
Glen, JoAnne, Steve, Chris, Ken, Curtis & Marcel

'I always feel happy and peaceful at Christmas, and not even the government can take that away'

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Mrs. McCalister.

"No problem, now let's go into the den."

..."Thanks, Mrs. McCalister for the pumpkin pie."

"You're welcome, Charity."

"Mrs. McCalister, can we sing one more Christmas carol please?"

And they began to sing "Silent Night".

...It was the best Christmas the Herby's could have ever asked for.

Jen Logan
8B JDHES

Don't take away my Christmas! Christmas is a very important time of the year for me, my family and my friends. I enjoy spending time with the people I love. I always feel happy and peaceful at Christmas and not even the government could take it away! People have many different ways of celebrating Christmas, like Christ's birth or Chanukka. My family enjoys getting a tree and decorating it and also putting decorations up around our house. We give each other gifts and enjoy time together. I have many happy memories about Christmas in the past and I hope that my children and grandchildren can enjoy this celebration as much as I do! Please keep Christmas alive!

WHY CHRISTMAS IS IMPORTANT

Kim
8B JDHES

I don't think that they should take away Christmas because everyone loves it. Christmas is a time for family and friends to get together. On Christmas holidays kids can go sledding, skating, build a snowman and so much more. It's not just a holiday for children, but also for adults. Some families go away for Christmas to see their relatives that they rarely see during the year. Other families stay home and enjoy the time together. I know our family, every year, goes out and looks for a tree and then we come home and have a great time decorating it. I think if they took Christmas away there would be alot of unhappy people. I know that alot of people love Christmas including me. I would do anything to keep my favorite holiday...CHRISTMAS!

CHRISTMAS

Ryan O'Neill
8B JDHES

Why are you taking away our happiness? I think that if people

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A Resounding "Thanks"!

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COUNTRY VALUE DOLLAR STORE

DECK THE HALLS!

'Tis the season to tell you how much we appreciate your support.

Happy Holidays.

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People Everywhere Share the Dream of Peace

This special season, we join with all faiths to pray that the world continues on its way toward realizing that dream.

Happy Holiday. . .
Thank you for your continued support.
Gordon, Laura & Merle
at

HALIBURTON & MINDEN HEARING SERVICE

take away Christmas then the Christians would be unhappy and they would have to take away Hanukkah and everyone would be unhappy. Then every business would be under what they have to do to break even for the year because they get all their business in the winter from people getting Christmas presents. Especially Sir Sam's ski hill because on Christmas break everyone goes skiing and that is when they make all their money. All of the kids would be mad because they have all of their fun on the Christmas break by going tobboganing and skidooing and skiing.

DEAR EDITOR

Cheryl Mosely
8B JDHES

I think having Christmas taken away would be very mean and stupid! Christmas means something different to each of us, and I don't think we should even have to think about it being taken away.

We each celebrate it differently and shouldn't be told to stop celebrating it.

Christmas means my family being together. My older sister comes home from school and my grandparents come over. It is a time that all of us can show our love towards each other, not just by presents but by sharing our feelings, just being together and happy.

I think anyone who even thinks about taking Christmas away needs help, and a very special Christmas with people they love to show them just how much Christmas is needed for everyone.

WHY WE SHOULD HAVE CHRISTMAS

Matthew Burk
8B JDHES

Christmas should never be taken away from us because Jesus our Savious was born then, and we should celebrate His birth. I know alot of people think Christmas is all about getting gifts. But on the other hand I would hope everyone also knows the real reason we celebrate Christmas.

If the government ever took Christmas away I imagine Jesus would not be too pleased with their sins. I believe it is a

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Greetings of the Season

How like the serenity of a silent, snow-clad woodland, is the peace that comes to the heart that finds the true meaning of Christmas.

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We Wish a Happy Holiday Season for You and Your Family

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sin to even think about doing away with Christmas. Jesus really likes us to have fun but we always must make sure that He comes first in this hectic season.

Christmas is a time to share, to give, to have fun, to get together with the family but most of all Christmas is a time to love. How can we do this if the government takes Christmas from us? I know people don't like Christmas because of shopping but you must always remember you are sharing, and loving because of this.

And the last thing would be telling the children. What are you going to say?

"Santa can't come this year because the government says so."

So always remember when you're getting angry because of the huge lines in stores like Zellers or Sears and it seems like you have run the whole bank dry from money, remember that this is a time to love and we can't do this if the government takes this time away from us. Merry Christmas.

A VISIT FROM ST. NICK

By Clement, Moore & Roget
Gr. 8's JDHES

T'was the blackness prior to Christmas when all through the dwelling

'The nippers were taking shelter all secure in their bedsteads, While apparitions of candied fruit hoe-downed in their brainpans'

place,

Not a beast was bustling not even a rodent.

The pantyhose were dangling close to the smoke stack with concern,

In anticipation that the white bearded old guy pronto would be hence.

The nippers were taking shelter all secure in their bedsteads,

While apparitions of candied fruit hoe-downed in their brainpans.

And Mommy in her neckerchief and I in my mortarboard,

Had just subsided our cerebrum for an extended glacial doze.

When out on the grass plot there stirred up such a reverberation,

I vaulted from my sleeping appliance to ascertain what was the distress.

Away to the casement I soared like a blaze,

Mangled open the blinds and heaved vertically the framework.

The celestial body on the bosom of the recently descended flurries,

Provided a radiance of midday to articles underneath.

When what to my disbelieving cornea should emerge visually,

But a diminutive cutter and eight miniature mammals,

With a petite venerable chauffeur so vigorous and expeditious,

I was cognisant extempore it need be Santa.

More accelerated than birds of prey his chargers they advanced

And he twanged and bellowed and designated them by title.

"Now Crasher, now Waltzer, now Romper and Vixon.

On Meteor, on Cupid, on Donder and Blitzen.

To the summit of the portal, to the pinnacle of the stockade,

Immediately charge away, charge away you kit and caboodle!"

As shrivelled fronds that before the boisterous typhoon fly,

When they converge with a hinderance ascend to the blue yonder,

So up to the dwelling summit the chargers they shot,

With a cutter heaping with play things and Santa Claus also.

And then in a scintillating, I took cognisance of something on the roof,

The frisking and prancing of each petite hoof.

As I retracted my cerebrum and was rolling around,

Down the smoke stack Santa Claus plopped with a flounce.

He was dolled up in animal hide from his pinnacle to his base,

And his attire was all smudged with ashes and carbon.

A packet of play things he had tossed onto his spinal area,

And he appeared like a vendor just uncovering his container.

His orbs how they scintillated! His concavities how vivacious!

His jowls were characteristic of floribunda and his proboscis similar to a cherry,

His mirth-provoking

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With Wishes Warm And Bright

We've got that glowing good feeling that comes from knowing such deLIGHTful folk as you.

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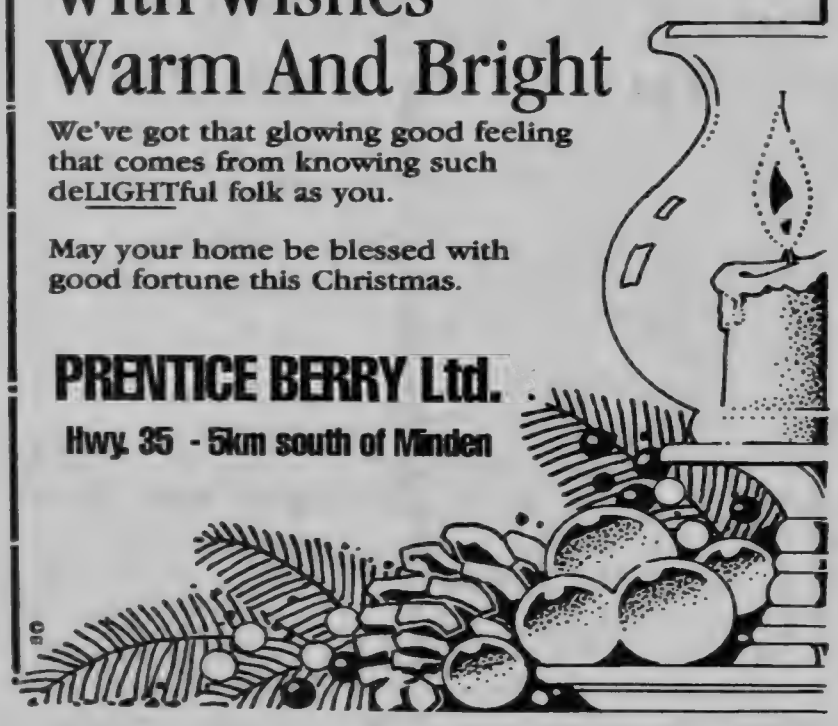

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Season's Greetings

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"You'll love our milk & ice cream"

Some special wishes for Santa Claus:

'If you can't get all the stuff we wanted we will just settle for our family to have a great Christmas'
'All I want is for the poor people to be treated in the same way every one else is treated'
'I'm sure you'll have a hectic Christmas, but could you stop by for tea?'

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diminutive oral cavity was raised aloft resembling a curvature,

And the goatee upon his mandible was as alabaster as the flurries.

The remnant of a meerschaum he held steadfast in his dentitions,

And the flume it encompassed his noggin reminiscent of a garland.

He possessed an extensive countenance and a spherical pigmyish paunch

That vibrated when he guffawed like a tureen gorged with gelatin.

He was podgy and obese, a self-determined merry patriarchal brownie.

And I chortled when I envisioned him in spite of myself personally.

A wink of his pupil and an interlacing of his noggin,

Soon gave me to have no doubt that I had trifle to dire.

He vocalized emptiness but proceeded unwaveringly to his commitment,

And jammed fulll all of the pantyhose then pivoted with a twitch.

And settling a digit to mthe side of his nasal cavity,

And executing an inclination vertically through the ventilator he ascended.

He jumped to his toboggan, to his crew gave a tottle,

And far they all took wing like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him utter, ere they ejected out of the spectactle,

"Jubilant Christmas to all and to all a nighty-night!"

DEAR SANTA

Jonathan Consack
8D JDHES

Dear Santa:

I hope you had a great summer. All I done was stayed home. This summer I didn't go to Santa's village but my cousin went this year. My teacher is making me write to you. I will be waiting up for you.

How is Mrs. Claus. My sister cannot wait for you to come to our house. If you can't get all the stuff we wanted we will just settle for our family to have a great Christmas. If all the stuff I wanted last year cost too much I will like a good snow fall to go snowmobiling.

P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Also some candy canes for Mrs. Claus.

Your friend,
Jonathan Consack

DEAR SANTA CLAUS

Jackie Emery
8D JDHES

Dear Santa Claus, Hi! How are you? I'm fine. I don't want much for Christmas. All I want is for the poor people who have no homes, no food and no clothes to be treated in the same way everyone else is treated instead of suffering.

Sincerely yours,
Jackie Emery

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Have a
Bright Christmas

Tis the season to be joyful!
We hope your holidays glow with much good cheer!

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THE MONK FAMILY

and **Alex**

May the True Spirit of Christmas be with Everyone this Holiday Season
Have a Happy & Safe Christmas

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'Dear Santa: how can you go around the world in one night?

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DEAR SANTA

Ian Milligan
8D JDHES

Dear Santa, I guess I haven't written in a few years to you but I guess it will be easier for you to read my writing. Now I will start to ask questions. One thing I have always wondered about you is, have you ever gotten stuck in the middle of a chimney because if that happened to me then I would be really scared because I'm kind of claustrophobic sometimes. I still have a couple of questions left, how does Mrs. Claus make her pies 'n' stuff when you live right in the middle of nowhere up there? And where did you get all of your elves?

When you come to my house, I don't think you should go through the chimney because it doesn't lead to a fireplace. I think you should come in the front door (don't worry their won't be any traps), and just deliver our presents under our tree. I guess you get through the chimneys buy sucking in your large gut.

O.K. I have one more question, how do you go around the whole world in one night? I guess it's your "magical powers". How come last year we found your beard stuck to our Christmas tree? Oh well, I hope I'll have a nice Christmas this year and you'll have a busy one!

From Ian Milligan

DEAR MR. CLAUS

James Loftus
8D JDHES

Dear Mr. Claus: I hope all your elves are doing well. I'm sure you'll have a hectic Christmas Eve but could you stop by for tea? I'm also wondering if your cleaning bill is very high, after all I'm sure you go through many chimneys in one night! Have you ever fallen into a lit fireplace? If so did the owners of the fireplace get angry with you for putting out their perfect, romantic, Christmas Eve fire? I would honestly love to find your home but I've checked with Information and they have no record of you! I would also like to know what kind of solution you and your little helpers have taken to make you live for all of eternity. I left a pair of those electric hand warmers beside the fireplace. If you feel you need

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Happy Holidays

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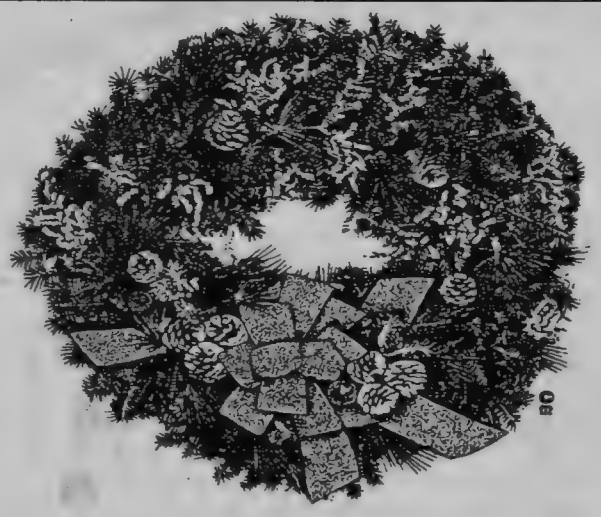

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Christmas Day is near,
The time of joy and cheer.
Now all that's left to do,
Is thank each and every one of you!

Dr. Hindman & Staff

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them please taken them. Oh! One more question before I say goodbye. Has Rudolph's nose burnt out yet? If so, I heard bulbs are real cheap at Home Hardware this time of year!

P.S. Please fax back soon!
Yours sincerely,
James Loftus

DEAR SANTA

Darol ?
8D JDHES

Dear Santa, I hope you had a great summer. When most kids write you letters they want toys and trucks and things like that, but I have told my Mom the things I wanted. So really there isn't anything I want from you. But if you were going to bring me something you can drop it off at the 4C's because there are kids that need it more than me. So don't worry about stopping at my place on your way through, just stop at the 4C's.

P.S. I would like some snow.
Your friend,
Darol

DEAR MR. S. CLAUS

Jay TItus
8D JDHES

Dear Mr. S. Claus, Did you go on a summer vacation this year? Well if you did I hope you had a good time. I would of liked to go on one. I hope to see you this year. I am going to stay up all night so I can see all the presents we get. I'll leave milk and cookies for you.

I hope you go to the places where there isn't a lot of money for presents. Get them a lot of good clothes too. I hope I get good presents also.

Yours truly,
Jay Titus

'Don't stop at my place, on your way through, stop at the 4C's'

DEAR SANTA

Kendra McColl
8D JDHES

Dear Santa: This year I've been doing quite a bit of babysitting for my sister. I have two nephews and a niece. Their names are Jeremy, Krista and Steven. Their pretty good little kids, I guess! I would really like this year to b e a great four months of skiing, and I hope Sir Sam's ski resort has a great four months of fun with all the people and visitors. I wish for everyone in my family to be in good health for Christmas this year. Well, I better be going, so hope you have a good Christmas eve delivering presents! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours truly,
Kendra McColl

DEAR SANTA CLAUS

Ginger Sharp
8D JDHES

Dear Santa Claus: How are you and Mrs. Claus? I was very good this year along with the rest of my family. We moved so I hope you can find my new house! I will have milk and cookies ready for you.

Thank you for all the presents you gave us last year. Could you please try to get me black snowpants for snowmobiling. If you can't I understand, I know it's pretty late notice.

How are your elves and reindeer? I hope none of them get sick, knowing that it is the busiest time of the year!

I hope you have fun on Christmas eve!

Your friend,
Ginger Sharp

DEAR SANTA CLAUS

Holly ?
8D JDHES

Dear Santa Claus: This year I

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Christmas Wishes

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from Everyone at
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REALTOR

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haven't been the best kid but I think I do deserve a few things this year. I'm not really expecting a lot of things because I don't need that many things. I hope that this winter turns out okay and I also hope that the weather conditions are okay for you to travel in. Say hi to all your reindeer for me. So how are your elves doing? I bet their really busy making all those toys. This year I won't forget to leave out any cookies and milk for you and some carrots for all the reindeer. All I really want for this Christmas is for my family to be in good health.

P.S. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Your friend,
Holly

DEAR SANTA CLAUS

Nelsen Feildling
8D JDHES

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing big lad? I think you should think about modernizing your operation to the way of the 90's. What I mean by that is if it is possible could I send you a fax? Because the post offices are kind of busy these days and my letter might not get there and you won't be able to make the stuff I want and my heart would be broken. What I want is a Sega C.C. system, a 58" colour T.V., snow, and a new G.T. That's just about it accept for the stocking stuffers. But all that stuff is just if you don't have enough time to make the stuff I REALLY want. What I REALLY want is a Lambourghini, a Dodge Stealth, and an 84" colour T.V. that splits into 4 different screens so I can watch all the shows that I want to at one time. Oh yeah, I still want the Sega C.D. system.

Yours truly,
Nelsen Fielding

In this spirit we say very sincerely Thank You and Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year

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Joys of the Season

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Pat & Staff

'Dear Santa: I'm not sure you could bring peace on earth, but at least try, please'

DEAR SANTA

Tiffany Turcotte
8D JDHES

Dear Santa: This year I know I haven't been very good but, I was wondering if you could bring me just one wish that I would like. My wish is to have good health throughout my family I mean especially my mom. You see she has these migrain headaches that just won't go away! And I just would like her to be migrain free. Now I know that you probably won't be able to help us but could you please try to help!

Yours truly,
Tiffany Turcotte

DEAR SANTA

Mike Shaw
8D JDHES

Dear Santa: Most kids want a fire truck or a dolly, but most of all I would like to catch a ride to B.C. this Christmas eve, to visit my sister. Her name is Christeen. Then you could take me back home next year if you wanted to. Besides, I've been good all year. Well, kind of.

Yours truly,
Mike Shaw

DEAR SANTA CLAUS

Shannon Britton
8D JDHES

Dear Santa Claus: This year has not been a perfect year but it has been O.K. I also know I have not been a perfect girl but I think I have been pretty good. There is alot of things I need such as clothes. There is also some things I want such as a C.D. player. This is not a very good year for money so my parents, I know, can't get me alot, so maybe you could help out abit. This year I would like 1 or 2 of the following: C.D. player, C.D.'s, clothes, make-up, hair supplies, and well I could go on for awhile but I know you have to read alot more letters so I will just say a little more. My sister is asking for alot of things too. So help my parents out, and maybe bring her something too. So how are your reindeer. I will leave a little treat for them all. I will also give you something too! Well, I will stop writing so you can start reading other kids letters of 'I wants'.

Your friend,
Shannon Britton

P.S. I would also like peace on earth but I'm not sure you could make that happen. But at least try please. Thank you.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS

Chris V.
8D JDHES

Dear Santa Claus: How is Rudolph? Does his nose still blink. I saw you on television and you scared me. I'm nopt going to ask you for anything because my mother is the one who usually buys me presents but will tell you what she is going to buy me. She is going to buy me a Sega Genisis (a most awesome and powerful video game). I would not come through the door if I were you because I have a 200 pound St. Bernard that has very sharp teeth and claws. There's your warning. See you on December 25th.

Sincerely yours,
Chris V.

DEAR SANTA

Amy ?
8D JDHES

How are you? I'm O.K. I'm hoping that the reindeer and you will have a nice trip to my house. I will leave you milk and cookies on our kitchen table, eight carrots and a Christmas card for you and Mrs. Claus. I don't think that you would fit down our chimney, but if you do plan on it, look for a fire first. We sometimes build a fire, so I thought I should warn you. When you get back from your sleigh ride, thank the elves for

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The Christmas mystery was, who made the toys when the elves came down with colds?

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all their hard work. I heard that you and Mrs. Claus were going on a relaxing vacation to Florida. If you go, I hope you and Mrs. Claus have fun and get a great tan.

Merry Christmas from,
Amy

CHRISTMAS IS...

Rebeka Joy Bjelis
7A JDHES

Long, long time ago
In a stable all forlorn
A tiny infant boy, was born.
His name was Jesus
A holy child sent from above
Many came to worship, bringing gifts of love.
Even the animals had gifts for him
They provided a manger of hay
Where his little body would lay.
There was glory all around
For angels sang with great joy
Rejoicing in birth of this boy.
We too can take part in worshipping
By realizing Jesus is the reason
For this holiday season!

THE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

Andrea Bull
7A JDHES

The elves were busy at work on December the first. They had lots to do before Christmas eve. One day an elft named Pointy came into the work shop and began sneezing and coughing. Mrs. Claus heard him and came running in "What's going on in here?" she excliamed. "I think Pointy has a cold" said Perky. Mrs. Claus took Pointy into the house and put him to bed. The next day two more elves came in sick, and after a whole week all the elves were ill! Santa and Mrs. Claus were very worried because there was no one to make the gifts and they just couldn't complete such a large job. In the morning Santa went out to the workshop to see if he could do anything. When he swung open the door, he saw a whole pile of finished presents. Santa was stunned at the amount of presents but there was still many to be made. He was happy but still his problem was still not solved. The next morning he Santa went out to the workshop and counted the presents again, more were finished but still not enough. The next morning he cautiously slipped out and counted the presents again. They were all completed! Santa couldn't believe it. He didn't even know who to thank. That night Santa left a gift in the workshop. In the morning it was gone. That Christmas was the most mysterious year of all, and to this day the mystery has not been solved.

CHRISTMAS EVE LETTERS

Ashley Hartin
7A JDHES

It was Christmas Eve and Toby the left was walking to the emormous mailbox of Santa's. She had visited this mailbox eight times already today! Santa hadn't received any letters and it was Christmas Eve. Santa was worried! No letters meant no one believes in the Christmas spirit. Toby decided to try and find the letters. She went to the mailbox and knocked on the lid. She looked inside. Suddenly she got sucked inside the mailbox with Mrs. Buzz. Mrs. Buzz had all the letters,

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millions of letters. Toby realized Mrs. Buzz was behind it all. She knew she had to escape. Toby tried to jump back up the round, black tube. She had to tell everyone that Mrs. Buzz had tried to ruin Christmas forever. Toby cried "I will never forget in Christmas, I will never forget in Christmas!" Suddenly she was pulled up the round, black tube!

She raced to tell Santa her amazing story. All the elves ran to the mail box and screamed "We'll never forget in Christmas, we'll never forget in Christmas. Like magic all the one hundred million letters came tumbling through the enormous mailbox! Christmas was saved!

MORK'S CHRISTMAS HE WILL NEVER FORGET

Amanda Roberts
7A JDHES

It was two weeks before Christmas. Mork's mom and dad were at a Christmas party. Mork had to stay home with the babysitter. Mork was looking through the Christmas catalog, looking for

All Mork wanted for Christmas was his mom and dad

thing that Santa could get him. He found 15 things that he really wanted and made a list of them. He got an envelope to put his list in it to send to Santa. About 11:30 p.m. Mork's mom and dad where not home. About 11:32 p.m. the phone rang. Mork picked up the phone, it was an OPP officer to tell the babysitter that Moravia mom and dad where in a car accident and that she would bring Mork to the hospital. Mork and the babysitter went down to the hospital. At the hospital the OPP officer tolled Mork what happen to his mom and dad. In the lobby there was a box for letters to give to Santa. Mork got a peace of paper and a pen and rough a letter to Santa saying:

Dear Santa:

All's I wanted for Christmas is my mom and dad.

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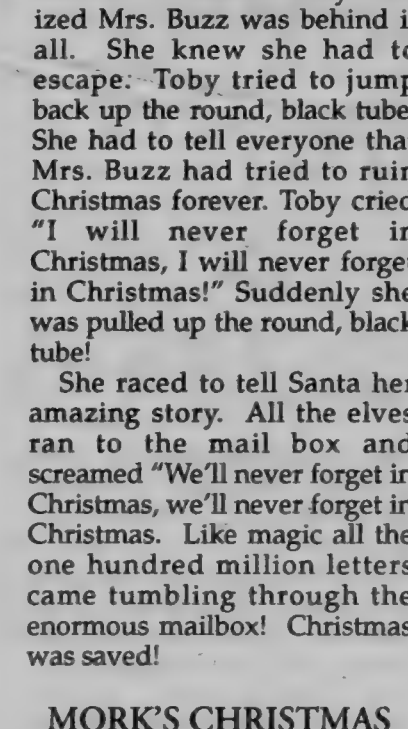

Good cheer to each and everyone at this Yuletide Season!

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It was a crisis... the elves were getting sick and Christmas was fast approaching!

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From Mork

Now it was Christmas Eve. Mork's mom and dad where still in the hospital. Mork fell asleep beside his mom's bed. Christmas morning Mork's mom finely came out of a coma. Mork walked to the window and looked up and said to him self "Santa this is the best Christmas gift that a person could have."

READY JUST IN TIME

Meghan Kennedy
7A JDHES

Tipsy, Pilly, George and Sam, Twinkle, Pep and Soup, Squirt and Johnny, Barney and Pepsi, all of you wake up. It's the first morning of December!" yelled Santa.

"Augh..." groaned all of the elves as they climbed out of their beds and perked up their pointy ears.

The next day only 42 toys were completed, normally 68 toys were completed. Santa was getting very upset as every day passed quickly.

Pilly, the elft, received a phonecall at 3:00 that afternoon. It was his mother, and she ordered him to come home for Christmas this year. Pilly had no other choice but to go home.

Santa was very upset when he heard the terrible news. Later that night, to make matters even worse, Pep and Sam both woke up with the flu, and Santa just didn't know what to do.

On December 1st Santa had started with 11 elves and today, December 4th, Santa only had 8 elves left. Mrs. Claus tried to prepare him a cup of cocoa to make him feel better but it just didn't work.

Neither Santa Claus nor Mrs. Claus slept that night. They were both so worried that they wouldn't be ready by Christmas Eve.

Everyday the elves were getting slower and slower, and everyday more elves were falling ill. Santa tried to think over what they had eaten but he was sure that the food they had been eating was the food they normally ate. All the elves ever did during the day was make toys and feed the reindeer so he knew they

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AWAY IN A MANGER

At the holiest of seasons, we pray that you will be blessed.
from Everyone at

HOMETOWN FASHIONS

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hadn't been into anything they shouldn't. Mrs. Claus took the reindeer's temperature, but they were all normal.

The only elves left by December 10th were George, Twinkle, Soup, Johnny and Pepsi. What were they going to do? They just didn't know. Thankfully the reindeers seemed fine but Blitzen seemed to be sneezing an awful lot. All of sudden Santa jumped out of his chair and started screaming for Mrs. Claus, "What, What?" yelled Mrs. Claus. "I...I know what is causing the elves to be sick!" yelled Santa. "Really?" replied Mrs. Claus. "Yes, I left some really, really strong perfume in Blitzen's stall, near the back. It was a Christmas gift for you so I hid it there. Sorry to ruin the surprise dear, but that's it! It just occured to me!" yelled Santa.

"Oh that's great!" replied Mrs. Claus. "Get it out of there now!"

They both ran out into the stables and grabbed the perfume just in time! Santa called all of the elves and told them why they had become so ill. The elves soon recovered and were ready just in time for Christmas Eve!

"Merry Christmas To All."

Blitzen seemed to be sneezing an awful lot, and that gave Santa a clue... It must be that gift for Mrs. Claus he had hidden in the stall!

WHERE'S MOMMY

Dana Postill
7A JDHES

This story begins in a place called Winkerson. Winkerson was a very small town, it's population was only about 500. The time of year was Christmas.

There was one home deep in some woods. This house did not have one Christmas light on. Inside there was not a Christmas tree or anything Christmasy.

This house was owned by a handsome, middle aged man and his five year old daughter. The reason there was no Christmas decorations was because everyone was very upset. Everyone was upset because the middle-aged, handsome man's wife and his daughter's mother had just died of cancer. The daughter's name was Marcy and she didn't really understand about her mother's death. Marcy had never really had a family Christmas because her mother was always sick but Marcy had always depended on Santa. This year Marcy wrote Santa a letter saying:

Dear Santa:

I don't wante mush 4 krismas. This year I just wante mie mumy bak.

Luv Marcy

On Christmas Eve Marcy had already sent her letter. Marcy's father had not talked very much since her mother's death. Late Christmas Eve Marcy set some cookies and milk out and taped a paper Christmas tree (that she had made herself), on a wall. After doing this she went straight to her bed. But she couldn't sleep, she couldn't wait to see her mother again. Finally she fell asleep thinking of her mother's smiles and hugs.

On Christmas morning Marcy woke up around 6:00 a.m. and ran straight downstairs. There she saw that there were no presents, all the cookies and milk were still there. Nothing had changed since she was downstairs the night before. Marcy sat beside her paper Christmas tree and started to cry. Her father heard her crying and came stomping down the stairs. The moment he saw Marcy he knew something was terribly wrong. Marcy's father went and sat beside Marcy and gave her a

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As we think back on Christmases of long ago, it makes us appreciate our many blessings. Happy holidays!

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Candy the elf offered to take Santa's place!

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hug. As he hugged her he whispered to himself, "it's not fair," over and over again. Marcy could not help questioning why Santa did not come. She wrote him a letter, didn't he smell the cookies, she kept thinking. Marcy's father was very upset. Marcy spent all of Christmas day crying in her bedroom. She really didn't understand. It was soon night and Marcy was still in her bedroom. Her father tried to get her out but she just couldn't come. Around 11:00 p.m. that night Marcy heard some banging and thumping downstairs. She thought it was just her father but she went anyway. The sight she saw was quite surprising. It was Santa Claus! "Santa where were you, I was waiting for you," Marcy shouted. Santa jumped with a start, "Oh, Oh," Santa said. "You shouldn't see me, please go back to bed." Marcy was very upset and she said in a confused voice, "But Santa I can't wait to see my Mommy again." Santa really didn't know what to say so he bent down on one knee and exclaimed to Marcy that her mother could never come back. As Santa told this to Marcy they both started to cry. Marcy understood what Santa was saying to her.

Before Marcy went back to bed she asked Santa why he was a day late and he told her that he was very ill with the flu yesterday and that she wasn't the only one that didn't get presents the day before. After this Marcy quietly walked up the stairs but as she walked she wondered why Santa looked so familiar to her and then she just shrugged and whispered "Oh well." Marcy knew that her mother's spirit would always be with her, and watch over her.

The Christmas that Santa was Sick but then ...

by Sarah Oakley!
3A JDHES

The children in Valley Town were getting ready for Santa. But Santa was sick so he could not go to house to house with his reindeer. Santa had to get someone to do his duties. But everyone wanted to get gifts. It was not as easy as Santa thought. Then there was a noise at the door. Santa called Mrs. Claus to answer the door because Doctor North had said not to stand up or he could break his leg. Since he did not want to break his leg he kept watching T.V. Guess who it was at the door? It was Candy, the biggest elf. Candy said, "Hi, Mr. Santa. I heard that you can't go house to house, so I thought that I could do your rounds for you." "I don't know, Candy. It's a big big job. I don't know if you can handle it!"

"Oh please Mr. Santa. I can do it. I really can!" "I will have to think about it. I have to go to bed now. See you tomorrow."

The next day Santa woke up and said, "I feel better today. I think I can stand up." He tried to but he just kept falling down but at least he did not break his leg. Then the next thing Santa saw was Candy and Santa said, "Candy, I know you really want to deliver presents but, oh, I just can't say this but, oh, I have to! You can't ride all over Valley Town on one night with the reindeer. Sorry, Candy. I really am!" Then Santa tried to stand up and he could! Just then Mrs. Claus walked right through the door and in amazement she said, "You can stand up! Wow!

Santa said, "I feel better, too! Maybe now I can deliver presents." "Great!" said Mrs. Claus. So Santa delivered the presents that night to all the children in Valley Town.

The Best Gift of all was ...

by Emmy Morrison,
3A JDHES

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Mike. He was a nice boy. He was happy. He awoke at 1:50 a.m. He didn't see a present for himself. In the corner he saw Santa. He said, "Santa, is that you?" He said, "yes, it is me."

He had a present. He ripped it open. He saw a gold puck! Mike kissed Santa. And in the morning he saw lots of presents. And he believed in Santa.

The Case of the missing skates

by Tammy Johnston,
3A JDHES

Once there was a little boy named Billy. Billy had a pair of shiny ice skates. They glittered in the sun like the snow on the ground. When Billy put them

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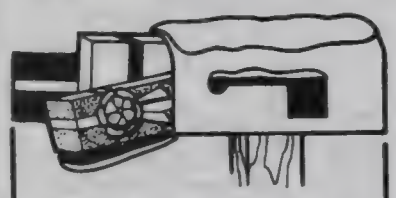

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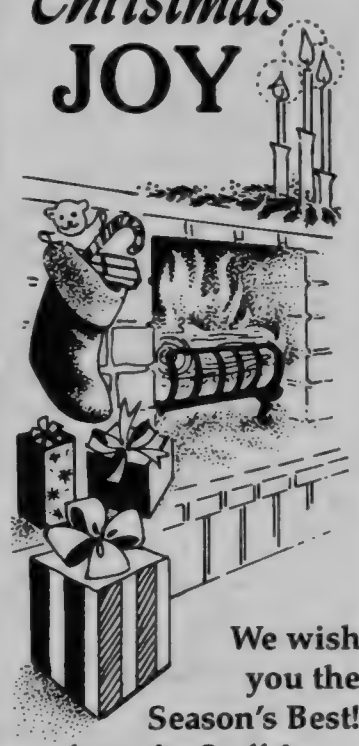

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'Once in a faraway land where Santa lives, there was a magic tree...'

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on he felt like a winner. Billy got those wonderful skates from Santa. When all the lights were out Billy Went to bed. That night something strange happened because the next morning Billy couldn't find his skates. He looked under the Christmas tree but they weren't there. Billy looked under his bed but they weren't there either. He looked in his stockings but his skates just weren't there. Billy looked everywhere else but they weren't any where! Billy asked his mom if she had seen his skates but she said "No!" Billy asked his dad but he said "No!" Billy began to worry. "Where are my skates? Billy cried. "How can I play hockey!" Then Billy had a plan. That night he asked his mom, "May I stay up late?" "No!" said his mom. "Why not?" asked Billy. "Because you're only five years old," said his mom. So Billy went to bed early. When it was early in the morning, Billy got up, and took his flash light. When he got down stairs he saw a black shadow beside the Christmas tree. Billy jumped on it. When Billy turned the light on what a surprise! It was dad. "Dad, why did you take my skates?" asked Billy. Because there was a dent in one of them." "I didn't know there was a dent," said Billy. "I got up early because if you noticed the dent you would have been mad. So that's why I got up early," dad said. Billy was happy, after all.

The End.

The Magic Christmas Tree

Brodie Allen,
3A JDHES

Once in a far away land where Santa lives there was Christmas tree. It was magic, because it had an alarm clock on his trunk.

So Santa would know when he would have to get his reindeer ready for Christmas. If he touched the tree it would make him go around the world, stopping at peoples' houses.

One day, Christmas day to be exact, friend mouse was not there.

Some how Santa had to get into one more house. It was the house of a boy named Brodie. His house had no chimney. Without Santa's friend mouse to squeeze through the keyhole what should he do? Suddenly he had an idea! He remembered seeing the mouse's baby in his bed. He went back to the mouse's house. After awhile ... he wasn't there when Santa arrived. Now he wondered

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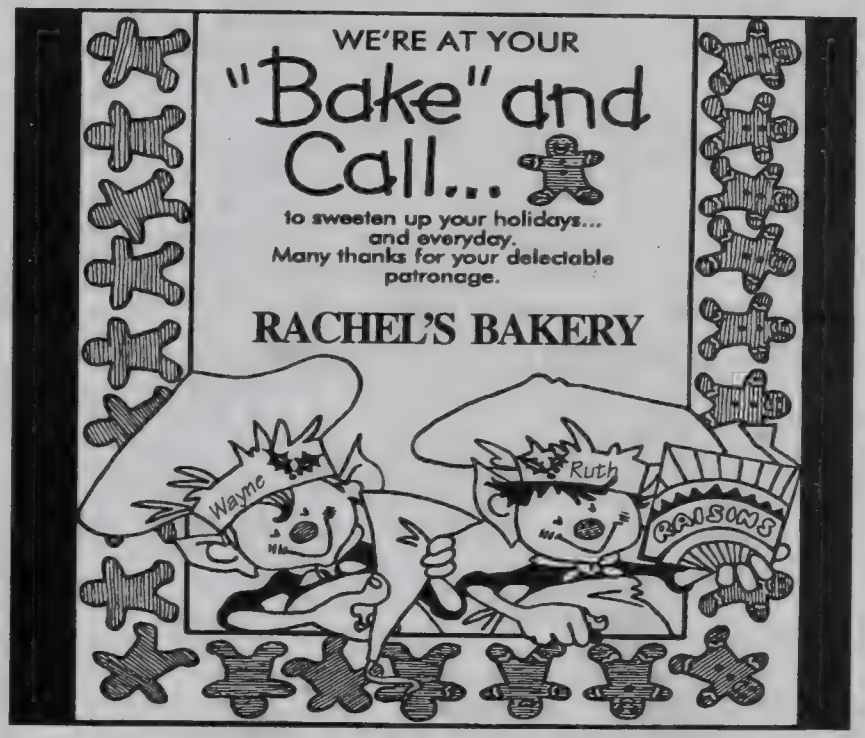

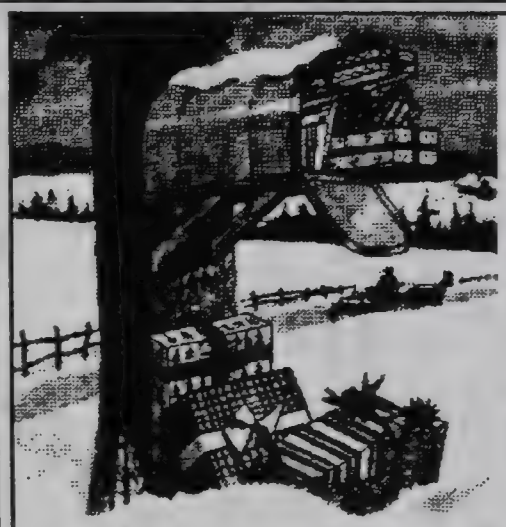
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what he should do? He wondered if this was a trick.

It was the mouse who appeared and said, "I'll help you with that last house. That day it was Santa's birthday. All of a sudden Rudolph came out of the sky with Mrs. Claus on his back. Santa exclaimed "Hey, what's that light thing over in the darkness?" It was Santa's magic Christmas tree trunk. If Santa touched the trunk at a certain spot he could go around the world!

Christmas in the Jungle

by Mike Paul,
3A JDHES

One hot day in the jungle the animals decided to have Christmas. Besides it was December the twenty-fifth. They looked in the forest but could not find any pine trees but they still looked and looked. They still could not find any so they were just about to give up when all of a sudden Pine trees started popping out of the ground. So they went towards them but they disappeared. They started walking away but up they came again. Again they went towards the trees and they went back into the ground. The animals thought they must be mirages so they left, but when they were walking they noticed that lion was carrying one of those pine trees. They told lion and he looked down and there was one tree. The lion, tiger, parrot, monkey, baboon, zebra, giraffe and ape all went to have Christmas at lion's house so it was a good Christmas! Parrot got a toy bird, lion and tiger both got a bone to chew on that would last for six years; baboon got a stuffed baboon; monkey got a pile of bananas; and ape did, too. Zebra got a real baby zebra and giraffe got a baby, too. So they are happy to this very day. That's the story of Christmas in the Jungle.

All the animals in the jungle had Christmas at Lion's house

The Case of the Disappearing Ice Skates

by: Joel Cooper,
3A JDHES

One Christmas, a long time ago, I was at the ice rink, skating. My mom said, "Time to come off!" so I went off the ice. I took off my special Christmas skates and I went to get a drink. When I got back, my skates were gone, but there were footprints going out of the door.

I followed the footprints for two house. Finally, I gave up and went home. I said to my

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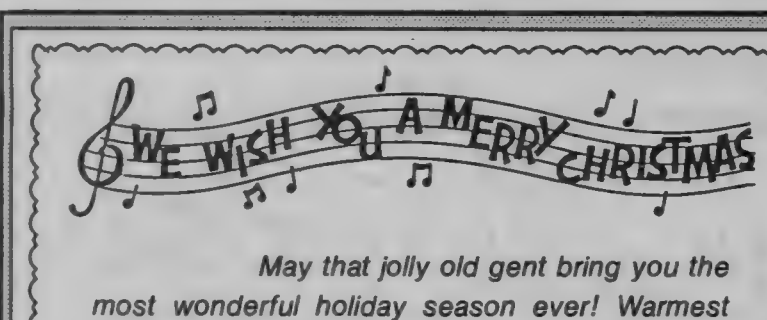

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The Christmas tree grew roots and came alive!

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mom, "I cannot find my skates!"

"I've been looking for you," Mom said, "When you went to get a drink, I got them for you. I'm sorry!"

"That's O.K. mom," I said, "At least I've got my skates back!"

The Magic Christmas Tree

by Erica Fearrey,
3A JDHES

Once there was a pretty Christmas tree which moved its branches and talked to me. Two nights before Christmas its lights went off. When it was talking to me. I tried to turn them on but they wouldn't turn on. I tried to turn the angel on but it wouldn't go on either! My mom and dad told me to turn on the lights of the tree and the angel. I tried to tell them what was happening but they didn't listen.

The next night it was Christmas Eve and the angel caught on fire. I screamed. The tree had grown roots and had become alive!

It was magic! After that, Christmas turned into the best day ever!

One Day it Snowed So Much ...

by David Morgan
3A JDHES

Once up on a time there was

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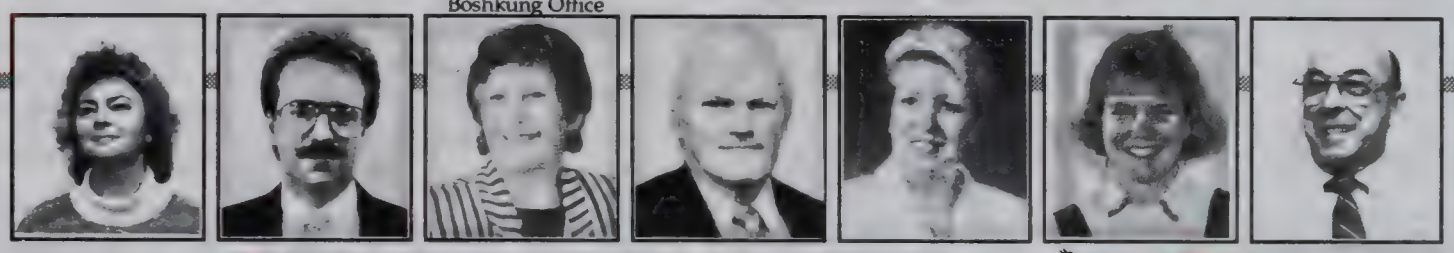

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On the threshold of the New Year, the entire Countrywide organization wishes that your home be filled with the warmth and happiness of the holidays now and throughout this coming year

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a little boy who loved Christmas. His name was Jack. He had a very lovely house with a pretty chimney but they never used it because it was always stuffed up. One day, on Dec. 20th, Jack said, "I'm so excited because there are only five more days until Christmas!" He went up to his room and looked out his window and saw snow; lots and lots of it, fresh white snow cov-

For Molly, the best gift of all was a warm and cuddly puppy!

ering his dog house. It was a blizzard. "Oh no," he said, "How can Santa come over here?" It snowed until Dec. 25th and when Jack went downstairs he saw presents. "I don't know how Santa did that, but he did it!" said Jack.

The Best Gift of All

by Kaelan Fitzgerald
3A JDHES

Once upon a time there was a land called Cheerful cherry and every Christmas when the towns folk went to their Christmas tree, they always were delighted but this Christmas there was a special house in town. It was the house of the Broms. There was Molly Pall and Catosh, the mom. Anyway, the elves were making a special present for Molly, the little girl. Finally it was Christmas. She opened her present. It was a puppy! "Oh boy!" She cried. It was the best gift of all!

The Magic Tree

by Jeremy Hutchings
3A JDHES

Once there was a tree in a beautiful forest. One day, near Christmas, he saw a hurt bird. It's wing was broken. With one of this snowy branches the tree picked the bird up. He put him up into an abandoned nest. The nest was warm and cosy. The bird was in the nest for five days. The next day the bird was better. He said "Thank you for saving my life!"

The tree lived happily ever after and the bird never forgot his kindness.

The End.

Santa and the Elf

by Sara Sisson
3A JDHES

It was the day before Christmas and Santa was checking all the children to see if they were good. An elf was making a teddy bear and Santa filled a sack of toys. Santa asked the elf to go with him on Christmas eve. The elf was so happy that he went and told the other elves and then he helped Santa put the Sack of toys into the sleigh.

Dave the Elf Gets a New Job

Shawn MacInnes
3A JDHES

One day in a small village everybody was waiting for Santa, even the ani-

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Dave was a happy elf because he got to ride with Santa in the sleigh!

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mals. Only two more weeks until Christmas. The villagers were hoping Santa would come. Two days passed and then three more. Finally, it was the night before Christmas.

Way back at the North Pole all of the elves were working. But one elf, Dave, was trying his hardest, but he could not get anything finished. All of the other elves laughed at him. So he went to Santa and he said, "Santa, can I get another job?" "Hmmm, now let me see!" What's wrong with your old job?" asked Santa. "Well, for starters, I can't get anything done. And the other elves laughed at me," said Dave. So Santa said, "Why don't you come with me to deliver the presents?" "O.K.," said Dave. They went to the jungle. Everybody got what they wanted. As for Dave, he was the happiest elf of all!

Santa's Motorized Jet Sleigh

by Chase Rodley, 3A JDHES

One Christmas Eve Santa was flying through the jungle in his red motorized jet sleigh. Suddenly he realized there was no more snow down below him. It was very hot! His brakes didn't work anymore. He remembered he still had air brakes that might work! They didn't! He turned to Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, who was sitting behind him in the Jet Sleigh.

"Rudolph looked at Santa and said, "Sorry, Santa, I forgot to fix them! What will we do?" Santa said, "I guess we'll just glide down."

They did, and, luckily for all the girls and boys waiting below, they landed safely in a clearing in the jungle!

Squeaker Squirrel's Lucky Tree

by Morgan English 3A JDHES

Once upon a time there lived a little squirrel and his name was Squeaker. He loved Christmas trees so much that he always went out to get a tree or two. By now he had 353 trees. On

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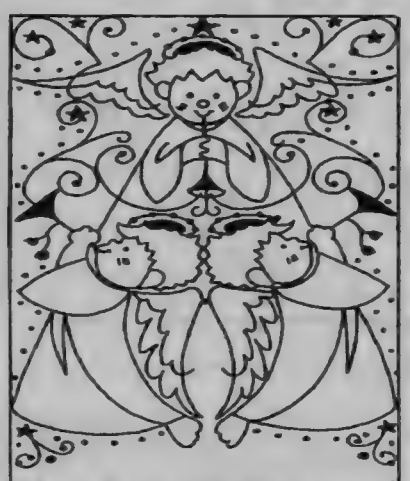

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'It doesn't matter how big you are... but rather, how big you are at heart!

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Christmas Eve he was in a deep sleep in his tree trunk for five hours. When he woke up he heard a noise. He thought it was Santa Claus. But it was not! He got up and all of a sudden he saw, in his tree trunk, a beautiful thing which he had never seen before. It was green, red, orange and yellow Christmas lights within the tree trunk, growing from the ground of the trunk. Then he saw a piece of something. It was a piece of gold! "I'm rich! I'm rich!" said Squeaker over and over.

The Littlest Angel

Amelia Ambridge
3A JDHES

Once upon a time there lived an angel named Snowflake. Other angels used to tease her because she was so tiny! She was as small as a cup! One Christmas, she decided to do some good. She flew down to earth. She found a poor family and went into their hovel. She saw a Christmas tree with little decorations here and there but there were no presents! She sat on top to think. Her heart got strong and all that love made a miracle happen. There was food on the tables and presents under the tree! She stayed on there forever!

Moral: It dosen't matter how big you are, but how big you are at heart!

Santa's New Kitten

by Holly Bishop,
3A JDHES

One very snowy Christmas Eve, Santa was busy and so were his elves. Santa had a lot of lists to read. One list had only two things on it. It was from a little girl named Lucy. Lucy was a very thoughtful little girl. She had a surprise for Santa. It was a kitten. The kitten was very cute. It was black and white. Lucy had a Christmas hat for the kitten to wear. It was time for Santa to go to Lucy's house. When Santa got out of his sleigh, Lucy put the kitten in it. When Santa got home he saw a kitten in his sleigh with a note in its mouth. It was from Lucy. It said, "Hi Santa it's me Lucy. I have you this kitten because you are so nice to people." Santa named the kitten "Santa's Little Helper." Now Santa has a new helper. He is happy.

Christmas in the Jungle

by Joey Sisson,
3A JDHES

A long time ago, in the jungle, animals decorated a Christmas palm tree. Along came a lion. He said, "I'll go and get some tinsel for the tree." He went to get some tinsel. A cougar came along the path. He said, "I will

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

many thanks for all the recommendations during the year -

Ennis & John
at the
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Santa was amazed at all the decorations he saw on the animals' Christmas tree

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get some decorations out of my den." The Christmas tree was so beautiful that Santa came to see it. He said to him self, "That Christmas tree is pretty! The jungle animals must have decorated that Christmas tree. I wonder how they got so much stuff?" Santa wrote a letter to the animals. It said, "How did you get so many ornaments? Love Santa." When the animals awoke from their sleep, they saw the letter on a tree trunk. They opened it and read it aloud to each other. They decided to write back to Santa to tell him about the decorations they had saved up in their dens.

The Glowing Gift

by Jenny Chatterton
3A JDHES

One night Santa said, "The snow matches the white fur on my coat and hat! Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas everybody!" Then Santa came down my chimney and he put the presents under the tree. One of the presents glowed in the dark. In the box was a special glowing game!

The Magic Christmas Tree

Karen Ellison
3A JDHES

Once there was a girl named Kathy. It was two days before Christmas. She wanted a Christmas tree. So she cut down a tree. But she did not know it was a magic Christmas tree. It could walk, talk, and dance! Everybody knew except Kathy because she was only eight years old.

The Special Tree

by Alex Sisson
3A JDHES

Once upon a time there was a boy named Bob and he loved Christmas trees. One year he had a special tree. One night, two weeks before Christmas, the tree walked around the house but not upstairs. It ate all the cookies and drank all the milk. It ate the fridge and then it ate the couch. He heard the little boy's dad come so he ran to where he was supposed to be. The dad said, "Where's my fridge? Who took the cookies and the milk? My couch is gone! It's probably a dream. I'll rub my eyes and it will probably all come back." It didn't! Two weeks passed and it was Christmas Eve. Everybody was asleep. An angel came to the tree and said, "Santa can't come because he has the flu so here are their presents. She set them down under the tree. In the morning the tree was in its proper place and the family got its presents. They were simple gifts and everyone was happy.

Jeff's Christmas in the Jungle

Alex Frybort
3A JDHES

One day Jeff woke up in his hut. On the outskirts of the jungle. Because he herd a sound. He wondered what it was. Looking out the window, but he just herd the sound louder! The sound seemed to be coming from the jungle. Jeff said to his friend I am going to find out just what that is said Jeff. So Jeff went down the stairs and out of the old hut. After getting out his boots and hat. As Jeff went up to the jungle, he heard that sound again. He said I am going to have to catch that ani-

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mal! I like animals. Jeff continued on into the jungle. After Jeff went farther into the jungle he finally reached eight jungle creatures: a monkey, a tiger, a parrot, a gorilla, some snakes, a leopard and a tree frog. There were some other birds flying around, too.

Jeff was scared but then he said, "Hi!" to all the creatures. They didn't speak but Jeff told him who he was and they listened carefully to what Jeff had to say.

He told them he'd never been to the jungle. Then the monkey said, "I will show you around."

Jeff asked the animals, "do you celebrate Christmas?" The animals didn't know just what christmas was so Jeff sat down and told them what people do at Christmas. He also told them

Jeff told the animals how to celebrate Christmas

that Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem.

Then the creatures said to Jeff. "Would you like to stay with us just for this one Christmas so we could learn more?"

"I would live to stay with you just for this Christmas," said Jeff, "but there's one thing ..." "What is that?" asked the tree frog. "I have to ask my mom," said Jeff. "O.K." said the tree frog. So Jeff went to his mom. She said, "Jeff, you may go!" He told the animals. "I will get some food!" said the gorilla. "We will decorate a tree, too." said the animals.

They all held a big Christmas feast together and had a wonderful time!

The Monkey's Christmas Tree

Sandy Bacon,
3A JDHES

Once upon a time there was a monkey who was getting ready for Christmas. He was decorating his Palm tree. On his tree he put light bulbs, coloured coconuts and other kinds of fruit.

Suddenly, from behind a tree a lion appeared. He said, "That's a really nice tree you have there!"

"Thanks!" said the happy monkey. "I'm glad you like it."

It's That Time of Year

Preston Johnston
3A JDHES

It's that time of year
When everything is full of cheer!
With a "Ho! Ho! Ho! Away! Away!"
And the clicking sound of Santa's sleigh.
With his sack full of toys
To give girls and boys
And his belly shaking
(From the laughter he's making)
Like a bowl full of jelly ...

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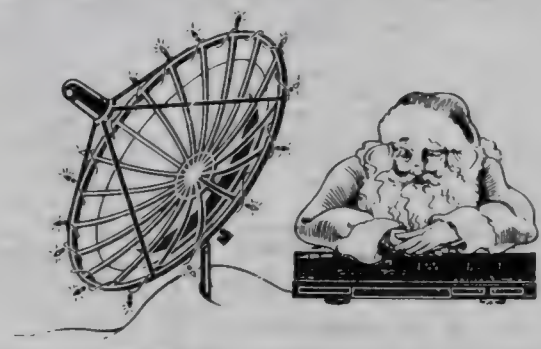

'Christmas sure was a good idea!'

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Well, here he is, just as bright as can be!

Christmas – a Family Time

Dustin Prindiville
3A JDHES

Christmas is a good time to be with your family. Christmas is really when Christ was born.

I don't know exactly when the first Christmas was decorated in Canada but it sure was a good idea! I do know how Saint Nicholas was made up. A long time ago there was a man who gave presents to the people who could not afford to buy them.

THE LAZY ELF

Shannon Friend
Gr. 6 Gooderham E.S.

One cold day, at the North Pole inside Santa's workshop, all the elves were working hard to make toys for children all over the world. All except for one elf. He was lying on the big red and green couch that was in toy shop. All of a sudden Santa came running in the room. All of the elves stopped what they were doing and looked at Santa.

"We only have 3 more days until Christmas, how are the toys coming along?" said Santa.

"Alright I suppose. But Evan won't work; he's just lying on the couch," said one of the elves.

"Evan, what are you doing lying around? Don't you know we still have over 9 million toys to make," said Santa.

"Ya, I know, I just don't feel like it. It seems thats all I ever do anymore," said Evan.

"The problem is that you're too lazy," said Santa.

"I am not," said Evan.

"Come with me we have to have a little talk," said Santa. Than all the elves went "OOOhhh."

"If any elf is ever sent into Santa's room they might get fired," said one of the elves.

"Ya, remember Bob. He was a lazy elf and he got fired," said another elf.

Then Evan came storming into the room. Then he said, "If I don't work harder Santa said he'll have to fire me."

So Evan kep working hard because he didn't want to get fired. Then Santa came in the room and said, "Evan would you come with me again please?"

So Evan went with Santa. Inside Santa's room it was warm. Evan felt cozy with Santa. A fire made the room bright and cheerful.

Then Santa said "Do you know what Christmas is about Evan?"

Evan just shrugged.

"Christmas is about giving and being with you're family. Christmas is also about being thankful for having a warm house and good food and clothes. Evan when your working on all those toys, think about all the joy you'll be bringing to children all over

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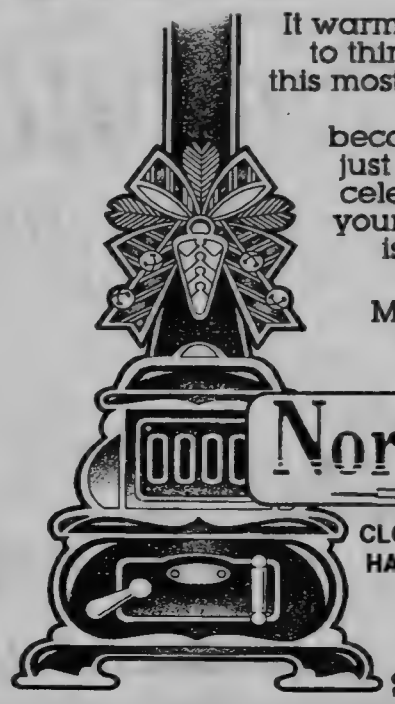

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Merry, Merry Christmas!

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the world, now go to work please."

So Evan went back and worked on the toys. And from that day on Evan worked on all the toys and thought about all the joy he was bringing to children all over the world!

SANTA'S WISH

Martin Milligan
Gr. 5 Gooderham E.S.

One Christmas eve Santa weighted himself on the weigh scale 2000 pounds! Wow! He got in his sleigh but he was so heavy the reindeer couldn't pull him. "Your too FAT!" said Prancer. "Go on a diet!" said Rudolph. "Oh I wish I wasn't so FAT" groaned Santa. "Be carful what you wish for" said Dondèr the polite reindeer. "I know" said Cupid. "I'll put you on my one hour weight loss plan!" "But it's time to go," said Rudolph. "Well we have to do something" said Santa. Suddenly Santas stomach started rumbling. After the rumbling stoped Santa's stomach shrank so fast that Blitzen blinked and when he opened his eyes Santa must have been 20 pounds lighter. He jumped off the sleigh and weighed himself only 120 pounds! He got in his sleigh and off they went! He started at Martin Milligan's house and then he went to Ian Brown's house and WUMP he fell right down the chimney.

Can you imagine a whole ton of Santa?

Ian, being the devil that he is, jumped out of his hiding spot and pointed a Nerf Sharpshooter in Santa's face and said "stick em up fat boy!" Then he said "Gee your not fat my parents told me you were really tubby." Ian fed him all the food he could eat and then Santa weighed himself - 1000 pounds! "I'm back to normal!" After that the present delivery went and Santa got home in time for breakfast.

TARAH, SARAH and JAHARAH

Kelly Pettit
Gr. 5 Gooderham E.S.

Sarah, Tarah and Jaharah were all awake in bed Christmas Eve when they heard their mother and father talking.

"John are you sure you got the right presents for Sarah, Tarah and Jaharah?" asked Dorothy excitedly.

"Yes Dorothy, I got everything you wanted, except the dog they all wanted!" replied John sadly.

"Why couldn't you get the dog for them John?" asked Dorothy disappointedly.

"Because there weren't any dalmations," replied John sadly.

Sarah was so sad. She always thought Santa brought her her presents every Christmas.

Jaharah and Tarah thought they were just joking.

They thought that because they were 5 year old twins. Sarah was 7 years old, so now she knew her mom and dad were both Santa.

In the morning Sarah was first up. She woke up Tarah and Jaharah. Tarah, Jaharah and Sarah ran down stairs. There were big presents, small presents, square ones and rectangular ones. The rushed to their presents. They opened all of them except for one. It was the biggest of them all. Tarah and Jaharah thought it was the dog, but Sarah didn't think it was the dog. They were unwrapping it when their mother and father came down.

"I see you've found the best present!" said Dorothy happily.

"Yah, I guess," said Sarah not to happy.

So they finished unwrapping it. They heard a little bark. "RUFFFF" said whatever was in the box.

"It's the dalmation we wanted," said Jaharah surprized. So they tore open the box and saw the dalmation.

"But I thought you didn't get i!" said Sarah puzzled.

"We knew you were awake and listening so we were saying that instead of saying I did get it!" said John.

Tarah, Sarah and Jaharah named her Oreo. From that day forward the children played with Oreo and had alot of fun.

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'H' is for the happiness that goes around

by Sandra Riley,
Grade 3, Wilberforce Elementary School

The Christmas acrostic

C – the candle that slowly melts.
H – the happiness that goes around.
R – the wreath that hangs on the door.
I – the icicles that hang on the roof.
S – Santa that goes from house to house.
T – the tinsel that we hang on the tree.
M – the merriness that goes around.
A – the angle that is happy.
S – the spirit that goes around.

Acrostic

by Paul Hutchinson
Grade 3, Wilberforce Elementary School

C – cherry
H – Holly
R – Red
I – icicle
S – Santa
T – Toe
M – Mistle - toe
A – Angel
S – Sleigh

H – Holly
O – Out
L – Little
L – Lights
Y – Yuletides

By David Arsenault and David McKee,
Grade 4, Wilberforce Elementary School

SANTA

Santa has a big white beard Ho ho ho.
Santa has a bag full of toys Ho ho ho.
Santa has black boots Ho ho ho.
Santa has a fat belly Ho ho ho.
Santa has a big cherry nose Ho ho ho.

Acrostic

by Racheal Outram
Grade 3, Wilberforce Elementary School

C candle
h holly
r ribbon
i ivy
s Santa
t toys
m mistle-toe
a angel
s sleigh

S Spirit
a apple
n Noel
t toy soldier
a angel

e eve
l light
v velvet
e eve
s Santa

D dasher
r red
u Uncle Scrooge
m Mary

CHRISTMAS

Morgan Gadway
Grade 3, Wilberforce School

Cherry
Holly
Red
Icicle
Stay
Tree
Merry
Angel
Santa

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Revelation 2:10

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It was the night before Christmas at Victoria Street School ... and everyone was busy!

Jesus

By Lindsey Pettes
Victoria Street

J is for Christmas Jello
E is for Elves
S is for Santa
U for Santa's underwear
S is for Smells.

The Night Before Christmas...

By Mrs. Dawson's Grade 2 class
Victoria Street

It was the night before Christmas at Victoria Street School.

Not a creature was stirring, not even the principal.\

Mrs. Dawson was hanging the stockings with care, in the hope that Santa soon would be there.

Mrs. Bishop was baking...It smelled so sweet...her gingerbread cookies can't be beat!

When out on the roof, there was a real clatter...we sprang from our desks to see what was the matter.

And what to Mrs. T.R.'s wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh and 9 tiny reindeer. There was Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen, and of course Rudolph.

Mrs. Sharp invited them all down inside...and made them all comfy with hot chocolate and sweet apple pie.

Mrs. Powers read everyone Clifford Books, and Rudolf's nose turned red as he looked.

Mrs. LaPierre sang them some songs...her voice is so sweet that we all sang along.

Miss Hill was knitting, she made Santa socks...he loved them so much, he could hardly talk.

Mrs. Miller drew Santa a picture of his elves, to take back to Mrs. Claus to hang on her shelf.

Mrs. Malott told Santa that he looked so fine, and hoped that he would deliver all the toys on time.

Mrs. Reid played a song for everyone on her guitar...she wished Santa good luck on his journey so far...

Mrs. Forgrave gave Santa a pair of Skates...she said that he deserved a gift, because he was never late.

Well Santa had to leave...but we heard him exclaim, as he flew out of sight...

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL...AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!

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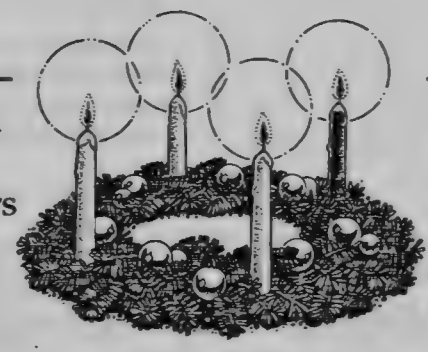

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Looking forward to Christmas again...

By Justine Pearsell
Grade 2
Victoria Street

Last year at Christmas, I got a Barbie from Santa Claus. Mommy got me some clothes that were very nice. When we were sleeping last year, on the night before Christmas, Santa Clause came to my house. He brought me another present too. It was a robot. I loved it and I love to open presents. This year I am looking forward to the night before Christmas becasue I like to wait for Santa to come and I know he will. i wake up early in the morning on Christmas Day. My sister does too. I wake up first. Then my sister, her name is Leanna, gets up and we open our presents. I am looking forward to Christmas this year.

The Night before Christmas

by Amy Valm
Victoria Street

It was the night before Christmas at Victoria Street School, not a creature was stirring not even the principal.

'I like to wait for Santa to come to my house, and I know he will. I always wake up first!

Mrs. D. was hanging the stockings with care and hopes that Santa would soon be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their desks while Mrs. S. was giving the children hot chocolate and sweet apple pie.

Mrs. Bishop was baking some gingerbread men.

Mrs. LaPierre was singing songs. Her voice is so sweet. We all sang along.

Mrs. Miller drew Santa a picture for Mrs. Claus to hang on her shelf and what to Mrs. T.R.'s wondering eyes but a miniature sleigh and 9 tiny reindeer and there was Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen and Comet and Cupid and Donnar and Blitzen and of course Rudolf.

Santa stands for...

By Kim Roberts
Grade 1M
Victoria Street
S is for Snow.
A is for Angels.
N is for Neol.
T is for Trees.
A is for Apple.

Jesus

By Jill Lewis
Victoria Street
J is For Jesus
E is For elves
S is For sled
U is For under the tree
S is For SANTA

Jesus

By Kristen Stackhouse
Victoria Street
J is for joy
E is for everybody
S is for sleigh
U is for upstairs
S is for snow.

Christmas

By Stacey Coumbs
Victoria Street
C is for Candy
H is for holly
R is for wreaths
I is for icing
S is for sleigh
T is for tree
M. is for mare
A is for apples
S is for snow.

Santa

By Adam Trueman
Victoria Street
S is for singing Songs
A is for angels
N is for noel
T is for tree that we decorate
A is for apples.

Love

By Nicole Stokes
Victoria Street
L is for Love.
O is for Oranges.
V is for Voices of Singing.
E is for elves.

Santa

By Mallory Bishop
Victoria Street
S is for Sleigh.
A is for Angels.
N is for NOEL.
T is for trees.
A is for Apron.

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C is for Comet, H is for Holly, R is for Rudolph

Christmas

By Hilary Wilson
Grade 1M
Victoria Street

C is for Comet
H is for Holly
R is for RUDOLPH
I is for icicles
S is for snow
T is for Tree
M is for Merry ChristMAs
A is for Angels
S is for Santa

Christmas

By Krystal English
Victoria Street

C is for candy canes
H is for happiness
R is for Reindeer.
I is for icicles
S is for SANTA
T is for tree
M is for MOMMY
A is for Angels
S is for Snow.

Carols

By Deni Knezevic
Victoria Street

C is for carols.
A is for apple.
R is for Rudolph.
O is for opening presents.
L is for love.
S is for Santa.

Christmas

By Jamie Timbers
Victoria Street

C is for carols
H is for hugging
R is for reindeer
I is for icing on the cake
S if for Santa
T is for tree
M is for merry christmas
A is for angels
S is for singing.

Love

By Michelle Landry
Victoria Street

L is for looking at the tree.
O is for oh what beautiful smells
V is for voices singing songs
E is for elves.

Noel

By Jake Hackson
Victoria Street

N is for night time
O is for oranges
E is for elves
L is for love.

Christmas

By Gillian Ottley
Victoria Street

C is for Candy caness
H is for holly
R is for ruDOLPH
I is for ice
S is for Santa
T is for tree
M is for Mryy
A is for Angels
S is for snow.

The Best Gifts of All

Scott Smith
3B JDHES

The best gifts of all were when I received a G.T. and a new snow suit when I was 9 years old. They were the best presents in my life! The G.T. was black, white and gray. My snow suit was green and my pants were black. I'll never forget them!

One day, it snowed so much

Lindsay Mitchell
3B JDHES

Once I was playing ouside, on Christmas Day, and it started to snow. It snowed so much it covered the house. So I climbed up the chimney. I slid down the roof. I took my sled and slid down the roof again and again until it melted down again. I played in the snow until it was time for dinner. After dinner I went back out. When my mom called me I said, "In a minute, mom!" So I went in and went to bed and had a wonderful dream about snow.

The End.

Why Santa wears red?

Nick Judge
3B JDHES

There are probably lots of reasons why Santa wears red. That's the colour of the sack and maybe that's the colour he likes - red. Like me, he likes to slide down chimneys. He could fall down and get ashes all over him. He likes seeing people have decorations on their Christmas trees. Santa wears red because his leader reindeer, is Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Troll Prince Has Chrstimas After All

Allison Roberts
3B JDHES

Once upon there was tiny troll who was a prince. He had a brother. He liked Christmas but his father hated it. One day he went to a village far away. The king got angry so angry that he sent his evel messenger to get the prince. He was scared so he went to a shed. It got knocked down and the king's messen-

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ger grabbed him. The prince went to court. The king said that he was not his son anymore and took away his princely shoes. His brother tried to beat him up but he was as small as a Christmas ornament he snuck out of the fight and went to a big tree. Some gnomes had a house up in the tree. They saw the little troll prince at the bottom of the tree. They gave him a new pair of shoes him some new clothes.

He wished for a magic Christmas tree!

He travelled off. He came to a littl houes and went inside and found another little house in the attis and went inside it he saw two little girls. Thir hand were busy playing with some dolls. He got to know them. They loved him and let him celebrate Christmas with them.

The Magic Christmas Tree

Billie-Jo Stamp
3B JDHES

Once I saw a smiling Christmas tree. It said "Howdy" to me. I said "Hi!" He didn't move. I said, "Hi!" again. He still didn't move, so I walked away. It followed me to bed. I got into bed. I woke up in the morning and the tree said "Hello!" I said "Hello!" back. We were friends. The End.

The Magic Christmas Tree

Kyle Boughner
3B JDHES

One snowy day my mom and dad took me to get a Christmas tree. I saw a nice Christmas tree. I said, "I want this one." Then they said, "O.K." I was so happy that the whole town heard me say YIPPEEY! So my dad went home and got the chain saw and came back and cut it down.

When we got back to my house it was time for bed. Then I wished that the tree was magic. The next morning in Christmas. Before I got out of my bed I wished that I received all of the presents I wanted. Then I jumped out of bed and ran and looked at the Christmas tree. There right under it were all of the things I had wished for. Then I yelled "Mom, dad get up!" They got up and said "What do you want?" I said "This is a magic Christmas tree! Last night I wished for a magic Christmas tree and my wish came true!

The Holiday Surprise

Adam Hodgson
3B JDHES

Near Christmas, Johnny's mom said, "You will get a wonderful surprise for Christmas!"

Johnny said to himself, "I wonder what it will be?"

Finally, Christmas arrived. Johnny opened his present and inside there was a Game Gear!

Johnny knew there wasn't much money around for presents that year so the gift meant a lot to him.

He thanked his parents very much! He noticed another gift under the tree but he gave it to another needy child because he already had the perfect gift!

My Christmas Stereo

Chris Cook
3B JDHES

The best Christmas gift I've ever received is an awesome black stereo. It is small and rectangular and it fits on a shelf by my bed. I can tune into all the Canadian and American stations. My favourite station is Country FM-100.

I was seven years old when Santa brought me the stereo.

I will listen to it for many years.

YULETIDE GREETINGS

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Paulette Blake

What happened to those snazzy skates?

The Friday Surprise

Melanie Howitt
3B JDHES

Some people from a far away island never had any special holidays such as Christmas, Hallowe'en, Easter, Father's Day, Mother's Day or Valentine's Day.

One day a smart person on the island said, "I'm bored."

A silly person on the island said, "I know, I will count to ten and the rest of you will hide. Then I will try to find you."

"That's a good idea," said the first person.

"What will we call it?"

"I know, how about the hiding game?"

"OK, it will be a special day for us. Every Friday we will play it."

From that day on, the silly person was called the smartest person.

Three Metres of Snow!

Steven Walker
3B JDHES

One day, right after Christmas holidays were over, it snowed three metres! It snowed so much that school was closed. It was sad for me. The school bus was not running. My sister and I were alone.

The Case of the Disappearing Ice Skates

Chris Postill
3B JDHES

Once there were five friends. Their names were Sam, George, Chris, Robert and Kyle. When they go to school in the winter their teacher takes them ice skating at the arena. One wintery day Chris was getting ready for school. His mom named Liz yelled, "I have a surprise for you! I'm in the kitchen." Chris raced, out of his room, opened the kitchen door but no one was there. I'm just day-dreaming about those ice skates I saw in the sport store. They were black with yellow lighting bolts. "Oh no! I only have 5 minutes before the bus comes." Chris packed his bag and ran as fast as he could. He got there just in time. When he got to school everyone had really nice skates but not as good as the ones he saw in the sport store. Chris had old junky ones that used to be his dad's.

The day went by fast. When he got home, he saw the skates. He said, "It's just me thinking again." As he walked inside he stubbed his toe on something. They were! They really were! The next day when he went to school everyone said, "WOW!"

When they went skating that day he soared like an eagle. A couple of weeks later, for the first time he fell. He looked at his feet. His skates were gone! When he got home, he called Kyle and said did you steal my ice skates?

Kyle said, "Why would I steal your skates I'm your friend.

"I don't know. Just asking." Then he called Robert. Same thing happened. When he had called everyone of his friends he wondered - one of them must be lying. The next day Sam had the exact same skates.

Chris said "Can I see those for a second?" "O.K." said Sam. Chris looked inside the skate. It said "Sam" inside it.

"I guess they're not mine" Chris said in sorroe and hand-

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Yuletide Greetings

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Paulette's

Chris, Jan & Ashlee

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ed them to Sam. Suddenly, he felt something under his seat. It's them! He shouted with happiness. They were right under his seat when he fell the day before he had forgotten to put them on. He put them on and happily skated off with his friends.

I Knew a Snowman...

Trevour Trantau
3B JDHES

I knew a snowman that could count to five and skate, too. He was very good at skating. He loved kids and liked to go sledding. I played with him once on Christmas eve.

Can you guess who that was?

("Frosty")

The Magic Christmas Tree

Shannon Roadknight
3B JDHES

When it was Christmas I knew Santa would come. But in the morning I didn't get any presents. But on Boxing Day I found a doll. It was a soldier. I know now I must have a magic Christmas tree.

The Snowy Day

Andre Nichol
3B JDHES

One day, 2 weeks before Christmas, on Sat. Dec. 11, it snowed 20 metres. When I wanted to go outside, the door did not move.

So I ran back a little bit and crashed the closed door and went through it.

I finally got into the snow. Then I tried to walk in it. The snow got 10 cm. higher! I went to look out the window. All I could see was snow. Then I went to the door. I opened it. All the snow came flying inside. Then I ran downstairs to look for the biggest shovel.

While I was looking for the biggest shovel, the snow got 5 cm. higher. Then I went outside and tried climbing to the top of the snow pile on the porch. When I got to m top, I looked around. One thing I did see was my cat. I put my cat into the house and then I started to shovel and shovel until Christmas Eve.

The Magic Christmas Tree

Lyndsey O'Mara
3B JDHES

My father went out into a forest and chopped down an evergreen tree for Christmas. It seemed to be all right. It was healthy and had a nice shape. On the day before Christmas we forgot to put the lights on the tree. Then on Christmas Day we came downstairs and it was decorating itself!

The Best Gift of All

Sam Hackson
3B JDHES

The best gift of all was in a rectangular box wrapped in special paper that had little Santas all over it. When I opened it, there was a keyboard in it. I was very surprised. I really like keyboarding at school and I knew that I would be able to use it a lot.

I was very happy!

The Case of the Disappearing Ice Skates

Norman Smith
3B JDHES

It was Christmas Eve and not a thing was moving, not even me. I was sitting up in bed waiting for Santa. It seemed like hours, then I fell asleep. The next monring, when I was opening my presents I got what I always wanted. Ice skates! I said, Too bad! It's too late to go ice skating. It was too late to go ice skating because of our family tradition; we can only open our presents after six. So I put my skates on my dresser and then I went to bed.

The next day I went to my dresser and "OH NO!" I said, "My ice skates are gone!" Then I looked over and under every single thing in the house. Then I saw something. "What is it?" I said to myself. It looked like the tracks of my cat White Tip but I didn't think that White Tip would do such a thing. So I followed the tracks. Aha it was White Tip! I got the skates back and went for a skate.

Candles Glow For Chaunuka

Heidi Grant
3B JDHES

I celebrate Chanukah. It is a happy holiday with parties, presents and delicious treats.

Chanukah represents the victory of good over evil and the right to religious freedom.

At sundown on December 8 we light the first of the 8 candles of the Menorrah.

Over 2,000 years ago the Jewish people, led by Maccabees, defeated the Syrians and returned to clean their temple. There was only enough oil for the light to burn one day. The miracle of Chanukah is that the oil lasted eight days, long enough to get more oil.

Because of this, Chanukah is called the Festival of Lights.

The Best Gift of All

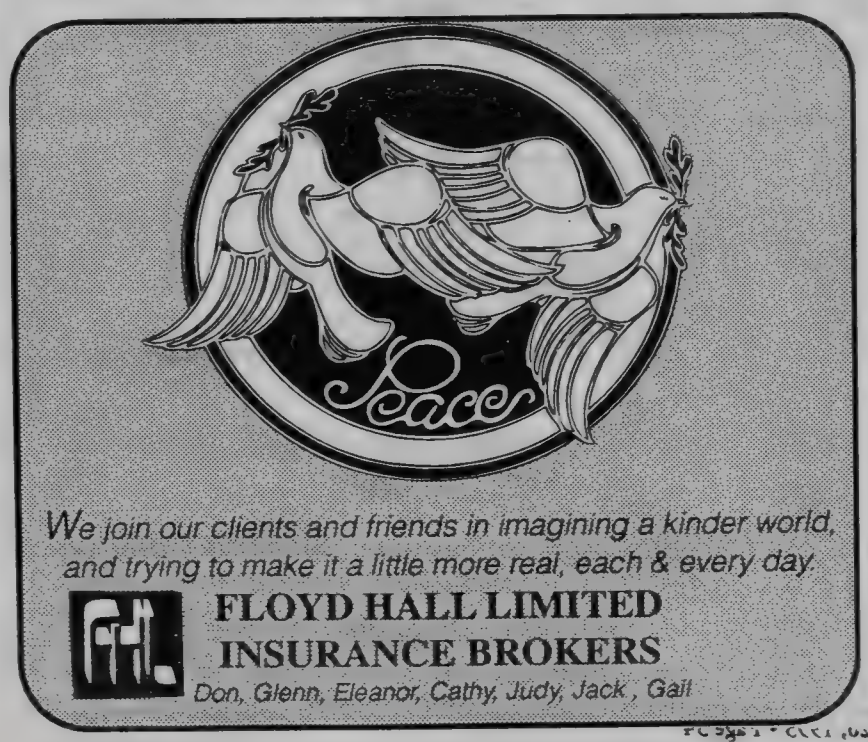
Joann Varty
3B JDHES

The best gift of all was when I was a little gril. I asked Santa for a pray doll. I loved the doll.

It bends its legs and the hands stick together.

On the way back from Toronto it was in the back of the car. It got very dirty. I had to clean it off. When I got back to my house she was so dirty I could not clean her off. I put her in my closet and never took her out of it. Some times I will play with her.

She still is kind of dirty. She was the best gift!



'Here comes a jolly man in red, placing presents'

CHRISTMAS

Amanda Robinson
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
Decorating the Christmas tree.
People singing a Christmas song,
Come! Join in, let's sing along!
There goes the clock's sweet chime,
What ever happened to the time?
Now it's time to go to bed,
Here comes a jolly man in red!
He's placing presents at the tree,
I don't believe what I can see.
Santa left in his big sleigh,
Here comes another happy day!

CHRISTMAS DAY

Ryan Chalmers
4A JDHES

I think that I shall never see,
A Christmas beautiful as thee.
When church bells ring and people sing.
Gifts for others I shall bring.
It's not just toys and gadgets you see
Or getting a great big Christmas tree.
It's not about shopping and all that fuss.
But it's about Jesus who died for us.
When I look out the window I say,
What a beautiful Christmas day!

CHRISTMAS

Laura Harvey
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
Presents all around our tree.
Stockings filled with lots of candy.
I think that would be just dandy.
Tonight while we are sleeping.
A jolly man in red is creeping.
Something there for Mom and Dad.
That would make me very glad.
Now this is all for me to say.
I hope you have a happy day.

CHRISTMAS

Katie Carey
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
It means coming to the Christmas tree,
And opening my presents you can see,
And leaving cookies for Santa with glee.
In the morning we go down to the tree,
And open our presents with you and me,
May everyone have a good Christmas too,
Cuase I had one just like you!

MATT'S CHRISTMAS

Matt Marlin
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
Santa, Jesus and a Christmas tree.
The Christmas tree gives off a light,
That reminds me of Jesus on Christmas night.
I'm thankful for Jesus' birth,
Because He's the Saviour of the earth.
Santa helps Jesus by doing good deeds,
And brings lots of love to peopel with needs.
Santa, Jesus and a Christmas tree,
That's what Christmas means to me.

CHRISTMAS

Danielle Casey
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
Presents beneath the Christmas tree.

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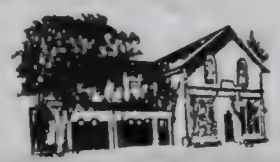

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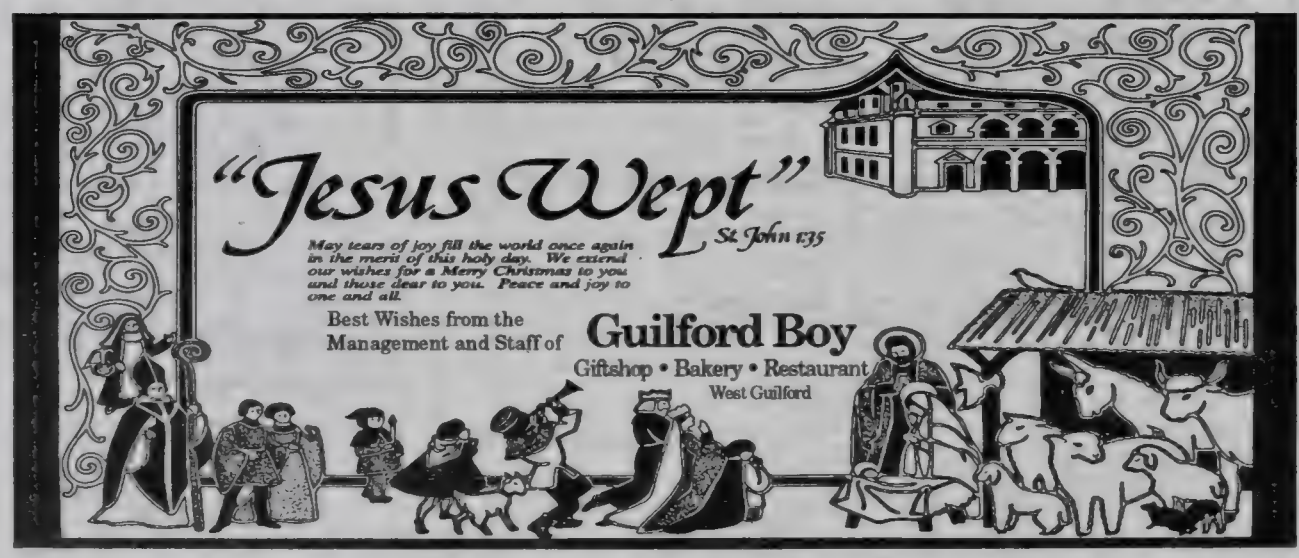

Wishing You Good Cheer!

Whatever the Season brings, we sincerely hope that it will may you happy!

from the Directors & Staff of
HALIBURTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Without you our success would not be possible.
Thanks for all your support & friendship.
May the holidays bring new blessings to you and yours.

THE HITCHING POST
CARNARVON

A time of glee... no shouting or pouting

Stockings filled right to the brim,
And a little toy for Tiny Tim.
He likes to sing a Christmas carol.
He is joined by his cat named Harold.
On Christmas morning he jumps out of bed,
Visions of presents dancing in his head.
When all the presents are on display,
He says that Christmas is a wonderful day.

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR GLEE

Matthew Wherry
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
Christmas means a time of glee.
Not shouting or pouting and running about,
Or the whole meaning of Christmas will be drowned out.
The last minute trimmings are prepared on the tree,
As my father, mother and my brother and me,
Gather round the tree in the circle of glee,
Truly this is what Christmas was meant to be.

CHRISTMAS MONTH

Peter Lancia
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
Does it mean a Christmas tree?
Does it mean angels singing with glee?
Or does it mean Christmas presents for me?
Does it mean cold and snow?
Or does it mean Santas ho ho ho?
Is it the shopping in the mall?
The stuffed stocking on the wall?
When Santa ate his cookies and milk,
He left a present all covered in silk.

CHRISTMAS

Emily Newell
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
A very special sight to see.
Santa is just two nights away,
It is a shame he can not stay.
Alot of shopping going on,
All the people have come and gone.
Men and women come and go,
To see their little ones under misltoe.

CHRISTMAS

Ryan Wood
4A JDHES

I think that I shall never see,
Santa coming to our tree.
He drops off presents while we sleep,
Santa doesn't make a peep.

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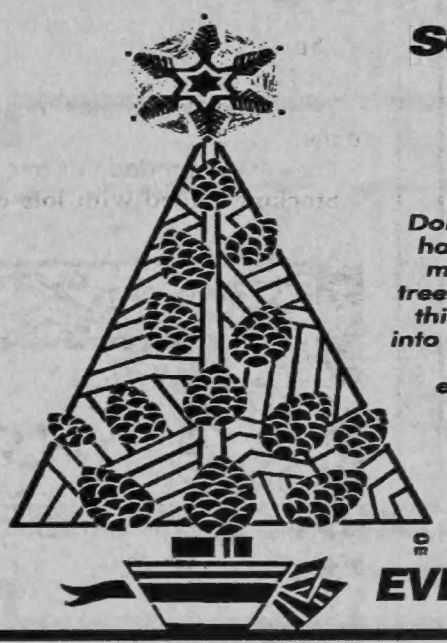
A World Of Good Wishes To You!

May the holidays bring peace to every land and every heart.

INTRA TRAVEL
Mae Waddell and Alison Bain

"I think I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree!"



Don't you think the poet must have had a Christmas tree in mind! We do. The Christmas tree brings so many wonderful things into our homes — and into our lives. Here's hoping its special presence remains evergreen and ever-present with us all throughout the year. Thanks for being such wonderful friends and patrons.

EVERGREEN 3000

May Good Fortune Be With You

Wishing you joy, harmony and prosperity this Christmas.

UNDERCOVER BOOKS
Pat & Nick O'Beirn

Old Fashioned Greetings

To all our patrons! We enjoyed serving you and look forward in seeing you in the coming year!

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We wake up and look under the tree,
Marvelous, marvelous what we see.
We rip and tear and we will see,
A stuffed Santa just for me.
Even though I'll never see,
A real Santa coming to our tree,
He is my greatest friend of all,
I love him most when snow does fall.
He is my great reward,
For being good to the Lord.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

Cassie Hie
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
God's little son for me to see.
Sound of happiness and glee,
Lots of snow for you and me.
Christmas trees all pretty and bright.

'The gift of giving feels so right...'

Sounds of carolers late at night.
The gift of giving feels so right.
It's like a burst of morning light.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Jinelle Johnston
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
Christmas means a Christmas tree.
Hanging stockings by the tree
And presents waiting just for me.
Silently we go to bed,
To have dreams dance in our head.
And Santa Claus is just ahead.
Well I silently snooz in bed.

SANTA

Cory Poole
4A JDHES

Santa Claus has a bright red suit,
It makes him look very cute.
Santa has a long white beard,
Some of his toys are very wierd.
I like the toy he gave toome,
So far it makes me very happy.
I love all the gifts I got,
I wouldn't change them for a thought.

CHRISTMAS LORD

Courtney Hartin
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
It means to sit near a tree.
To pray to God for giving me,
These gifts that lay beneath the tree.
I often think of what he said.
He saved the world by what he did.
But do you know what he did?
He died for ever future kid.

CHRISTMAS

Darren Kirkpatrick
4A JDHES

Christmas time is almost here,
It's my favourite time of year.
Lots of ornaments and twinkling light,
Make the Christmas tree so bright.
Home made cookies and Christmas cake,
Are some of the things we like to bake.
On Christmas morning you will find,
What old Saint Nick has left behind.

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May Good Fortune Be With You

MARK'S RESTAURANT & staff
We are open through Christmas & New Years

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

With the holidays upon us once again, there's so much to celebrate, so much for which to be thankful. We count our many blessings, but we'd be remiss if we didn't say how much we celebrate our friendship with you and we truly value your ever-loyal patronage. Here's to hoping that we continue to share more wonderful moments ahead.

DOLLO'S IGA
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IT'S CHRISTMAS & YOU SNOW IT!

We would never have been able to weather the tough times without your patronage.
Thanks for helping build our business!

to all our customers - from the management and staff at

RIP'S SLEEPY HOLLOW

'I think that I shall never see, anything prettier than a Christmas tree'

CHRISTMAS WONDERS

Tiffany Howe
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
A beautiful lit Christmas tree.
Santa Claus out upon his sleigh.
Carolers singing hey! hey! hey!
I lay down and softly sleep.
I count reindeer instead of sheep.
My dreams are with Jesus the baby you know.
The wise men see the star's bright glow.
Christmas is a wonderous thing.
For girls and boys Christmas will bring.
Joy and wonder feels so right,
For children to dream about tonight.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Sheena O'Connor
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
To go and find a Christmas tree.
To walk and search and hunt so far,
And try to fit it in the car.
Then the struggle to make it stand,
We always have nails and string in hand.
Decorate the Christmas tree,
Very beautiful it will be!

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

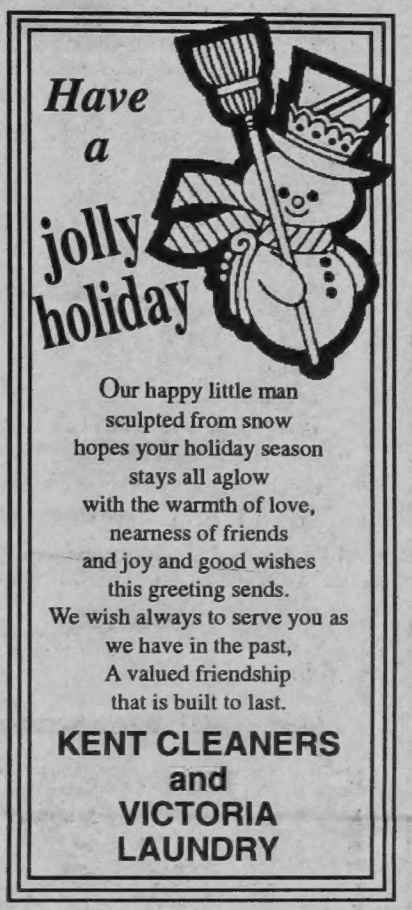
Tim Andrus
4A JDHES

What does Christmas mean to me?
My parent's evergreen tree.
And in every hous,
Not a peep from a mouse.
At night a jolly man comes to see,
If he got milk and cookies for me.
He gives presents for our tree,
For boys, girls, parents and me.
In the morning we look under our tree,
Then we open our presents with lots of glee.

CHRISTMAS

Shane Lowes
4A JDHES

I think that I shall never see,
Anything prettier than a Christmas tree.
Sparkling lights, with angel on top,
And a pile of presents so high, they hardly stop.
The smell of pine is fresh in the air,
And thinking of the grinch gives me a scare.
I know when Santa comes he'll admire the tree.
And maybe he'll leave an extra present for me.



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PEACE ON EARTH.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL

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